# ANTELOPE VALLEY CONNECTION

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#### DEAR ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY MEMBER,

The County of Los Angeles is very pleased to offer the annual edition of the **Antelope Valley Connection**! This resource guide highlights valuable information for Antelope Valley residents on local and regional County services, arts and recreation, and important public safety and emergency information.

This guide is written for your communities to connect you to County services. Whether you want to find your local parks, public library hours, or community programs at the Lancaster and Palmdale Sheriff's Stations, you can find it in here.

The County would like to express special thanks to John (Jack) Farley at Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area for his photos on the cover of this guide which capture the natural beauty unlike anywhere else in the County that is found in the Antelope Valley.

Thank you!

#### LIVING IN UNINCORPORATED ANTELOPE VALLEY

As a resident in an unincorporated area, you are being represented at both a regional and local level by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. In unincorporated communities, the role of a local city government is performed by the County who is responsible for providing and maintaining municipal (local) services such as law enforcement, fire, road maintenance, parks, zoning, building permits, and animal care and control.

The unincorporated areas of the County are governed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who serve as your "City Council." Your local field representative contact information can be found on page 68.

There are also Town Councils in the Antelope Valley which are your local forum to voice community concerns. These are organizations consisting of unincorporated area residents like yourselves who volunteer their time to hear input from local residents and make recommendations to your elected County officials and County staff. A list of Town Councils in the Antelope Valley can be found on page 3.

If you have comments on your Antelope Valley Connection, write to:

County of Los Angeles
Chief Executive Office
Office of Unincorporated Area Services
723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Or E-mail your comments to uas@ceo.lacounty.gov

#### STORIES FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY

On May 1, 1914, the Llano del Rio, a utopian community, was established in the southeast Antelope Valley near the present day community of

Llano. Among its founders was Indiana native Job Harriman, an idealist

and charismatic young lawyer who

had unsuccessfully run for Vice President in 1900 on the first-ever Socialist Party platform and for mayor of Los Angeles in 1911. Thwarted by political efforts to effect social change, Harriman and his fellow visionaries instead thought they could accomplish their socialist utopian goals via the

colony's cooperative economic system.

Designed by prominent feminist and architect, Alice Constance Austin, Llano del Rio thrived for several years on its egalitarian lifestyle, including dairy farming, orchard cultivation, and preparing publications, and its population exceeded 1,000 at one point.

However, its undoing began when it was discovered that an earthquake fault line diverted much of its long-term water supply and Harriman and company were unsuccessful at getting area land barons to sell access to a new supply. After additional internal hurdles, in 1917, about 200 participants moved the colony to Stables, Louisiana, a defunct lumber town, and renamed it New Llano.



Group of Llano del Rio Colonists, Christmas, 1914

For many more stories and photographs depicting the history of the Antelope Valley, please visit the County of LA Public Library's Antelope Valley Community History website at www.colapublib.org/history/antelopevalley.



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Ruins of the Llano del Rio community can still be found today along Pearblossom Highway (Highway 138) near 165th Street East, a few miles east of Pearblossom.

Despite their relatively brief existence, the Llano colonies made a mark as a social experiment, including having one of the country's first Montessori schools, widespread recognition for the production and sale of high-quality food and other items, hosting a fertile intellectual and cultural climate, replete with orchestras and theater groups, and innovative social services, including low-cost housing, minimum-wage pay, and universal health care, which were decades ahead of their time. Though financial woes and infighting forced the colony into bankruptcy in 1939, Llano del Rio is today considered Western American history's most important non-religious utopian community.



Dormitory and Hotel Llano, 1916

## Town Councils in the Antelope Valley

Twelve town councils have been established in Antelope Valley to be your local forum to voice community concerns. These organizations consist of unincorporated area residents like yourselves who volunteer their time to hear input from local residents and make recommendations to your elected County officials and County staff.

#### **Association of Rural Town Councils**

P.O. Box 358 • Littlerock, CA 93543

Public Meetings:

Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

North County Training Center (Fire Station 129)

42110 N. 6th Street West, Lancaster

#### Acton

P.O. Box 810 • Acton, CA 93510

www.cityofacton.org/council.htm

Public Meetings:

1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Acton Community Center • 3742 Nickels Street

#### **Antelope Acres**

P.O. Box 8176 • Lancaster, CA 93539

Public Meetings:

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Westside Community Church • 47707 N. 90th St. West

#### **Green Valley**

15444 Spunky Canyon Rd. PMB 846

Green Valley, CA 91390

Public Meetings:

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Green Valley Community Center • 39118 Calle Bonita

#### **Juniper Hills**

P.O. Box 633 • Littlerock, CA 93543

www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhtc

Public Meetings:

1st Wednesday of even months at 7:00 p.m.

Juniper Hills Community Center • 31401 106th St. East

#### **Lake Los Angeles**

P.O. Box 500012 • Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

Public Meetings:

4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Vista San Gabriel Elementary School • 18020 E. Avenue O

#### Lakes

P.O. Box 784 • Lake Hughes, CA 93532

Public Meetings:

1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

Lake Hughes Community Ctr. • 17520 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

P.O. Box 795 • Leona Valley, CA 93551

http://leonavalleytowncouncil.org

Public Meetings:

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Leona Valley Community Ctr. • 8357 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

#### Littlerock

P.O. Box 190 • Littlerock, CA 93543

www.littlerock-ca.us/Littlerock%20Council.htm

Public Meetings:

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Alpine Grange Hall • 8650 East Avenue T-8

#### Quartz Hill

42263 N. 50th St. West #726 • Quartz Hill, CA 93536

http://qhtc.av.org

Public Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Lane Park Community Room • 5520 West Avenue L-8

#### Roosevelt (including Redman and Hi Vista)

48157 70th Street East • Lancaster, CA 93535

Public Meetings:

For meeting information, please check for notices in the Antelope Valley Press or call Town Council President Barbara Firsick at (661) 946-1323.

#### Sun Village

P.O. Box 151 • Littlerock, CA 93543

Public Meetings:

4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The Shaw Building • 9657 East Avenue Q-10, Littlerock

#### **Three Points/Liebre Mountain**

P.O. Box 617 • Lake Hughes, CA 93532

Public Meetings:

2nd Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

For meeting information, please check for notices in the Antelope Valley Press or call Chris Wangsgard at (661) 724-7871.

## Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce

#### **Acton**

P.O. Box 81 Acton, CA 93510

Telephone: (661) 269-5785 (661) 269-4121 Fax:

www.cityofacton.org/chamber.htm

#### **Antelope Valley (Lancaster)**

554 West Lancaster Boulevard

Lancaster, CA 93534 Telephone: (661) 948-4518 (661) 949-1212 Fax: www.avchambers.com

#### **AV Black Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 8805 Lancaster, CA 93539 Telephone: (661) 946-8780

www.avbcc.org

#### **AV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

819 East Avenue Q-9 Palmdale, CA 93550 Telephone: (661) 538-0607 Fax: (661) 538-1057 www.avhispanicchamber.com

#### **Lake Los Angeles**

P.O. Box 500071 Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

Telephone: (661) 264-1121 (661) 264-2114 www.lakelachamber.org

#### Littlerock

P.O. Box 326 Littlerock, CA 93543 Telephone: (661) 944-6990

www.littlerock-ca.us/Littlerock%20Chamber.htm

#### **Palmdale**

817 East Avenue Q-9 Palmdale, CA 93550

Telephone: (661) 273-3232 (661) 273-8508 www.palmdalechamber.org

#### **Pearblossom**

P.O. Box 591

Pearblossom, CA 93553 Telephone: (661) 944-2564

#### **Quartz Hill**

42043 50th Street West Quartz Hill, CA 93536 Telephone: (661) 722-4811 Fax: (661) 722-5935 www.quartzhillchamber.org

#### Sun Village

P.O. Box 206

Sun Village, CA 93543 Telephone: (661) 944-2341 (661) 944-6934 Fax:

#### ANTELOPE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

The Community and Senior Services (CSS) Department provides an array of services to assist the community with employment, food, nutrition management, formal care giving, domestic violence shelters, mediation in lieu of court hearings, legal consultation for seniors, Adult Protective Services, Alzheimer's Day Care Centers, and Long Term Care services. For more information, visit www.ladcss.org.

#### **Antelope Valley Senior Center**

777 West Jackman Street Lancaster, CA 93534 Telephone: (661) 726-4400

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Center Services:**

**Exercise Class** 

Eye Care Clinic

Arts & Crafts Billiards **Blood Pressure Check** Community Service Groups Dance Groups Ear Care Clinic **Educational Workshops** 

Fitness Equipment Room Happy Singers Income Tax Preparation Library/Reading Room Mature Drivers Class Medical Equipment Loan **Nutrition Program** Senior Legal Services Various Card Games



The Antelope Valley Senior Center has day trips to various fun and exciting locations. Please call the center for the latest trips scheduled.

SENIOR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS!

#### **Lancaster In-Home Supportive Services Office**

335C East Avenue K-6 Lancaster, CA 93535 Telephone: (661) 723-4647

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program helps pay for services provided to eligible disabled and elderly persons so they can remain safely in their own homes. IHSS provides assistance in the following areas:

- Non-medical personal care services and assistance.
- Household chores including house cleaning, changing bed linens, laundry, meal preparation/clean-up, shopping and errands.
- Accompaniment to medical appointments.
- Paramedical services with the physician's authorization.

The highly trained staff of social workers and clerical staff of the Lancaster IHSS office strive to provide courteous customer care and service to the residents of the Antelope Valley. Please call the office or visit http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/ihss for more information.



## DIAL-A-RIDE: Transportation Services for Seniors in the Antelope Valley

Are you 65 years or older or do you have a disability, and reside within the Antelope Valley? If so, the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) offers a shared ride, curb-to-curb transportation service to assist you. Riders can apply for Dial-a-Ride services by calling (661) 945-9445 to obtain an application.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Proof of age and residency is required for riders 65 years or older. Riders under the age of 65 years require proof of residency and a letter from a physician specifying condition of disability.

**Hours of Service:** Monday through Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Saturday through Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Day after Thanksgiving: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Service not provided on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,

Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Los Angeles County Line **RURAL ZONE 2 RURAL ZONE 2** os Angeles Aqueduc **RURAL ZONE 1** (170th St. West) Ave. G San Andreas Faul Lancaster 70th St. West 40th St. E Fare/Fee: **URBAN ZONE** Urban Zone: \$3.00 one way Francisco Pate: \$1.25 one way\* California Aquery Palmdale Ave. R-3 Palmdale Blvd. Rural Zone 1: \$3.50 one way Group Rate: \$1.75 one way\* Littlerock Ave. V-8 Pearblossom Rural Zone 2: \$6.00 one way Group Rate: \$3.00 one way\* Acton Angeles National Forest \* Group Rate fare is per person and applies Boundary to three or more Dial-a-Ride qualified

Please call (661) 945-9445 Ext. 1 to confirm fares. As a certified rider you may arrange to bring along one Personal Care Assistant at no charge.

#### To schedule a ride:

Call (661) 945-9445 Ext. 1 on Monday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Reservations may be made up to three days in advance and on the same day on a first come, first served basis. Same day service is provided subject to availability of vehicle, time and capacity.

#### **SENIORS (65+) RIDE FOR FREE!**

Seniors who are 65 or older ride free on AVTA Buses from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. Please see page 8 for more information.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works offers a broad range of services to the Antelope Valley including the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of roads, bridges, sewers, water supply, flood control, and other capital projects. To find the public works offices that provide services in your community, visit www.ladpw.org/General/facilities/Community.cfm.



Project Location	Major Street(s) Impacted	Type of Work	Tentative Construction Schedule
Avenue G from 160th to 210th Streets East	Avenue G	Resurface Pavement	Completion date: Winter 2008
Avenue E Sierra Hwy. / Division St., Et Al.	Sierra Highway – Avenues A to E	Pavement rehabilitation drainage improvement	Completion date: Winter 2008
Avenue L-8 55th Street / 45th Street	Avenue L-8 – 55th St. / 45th St.	Pavement rehab	Completion date: Winter 2008
88th Street East Avenue Q-4 to Palmdale Blvd.	88th St. East	Pave dirt road	Start date: Spring 2008
87th Street East at Avenue T	87th St. East Avenue T	Traffic signal and Intersection improvements	Start date: Fall 2008
90th Street East at Avenues R and S	90th St. East, Avenues R and S	Traffic signal installation and intersection improvements	Start date: Spring 2009

For more information on these projects, please contact Kitty Shih at (626) 458-3910.

In addition, there are various upcoming water well drilling projects scheduled in the Lancaster and Littlerock areas for Spring and Summer 2008.

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY

#### **Metrolink Antelope Valley Line** www.metrolinktrains.com

Metrolink is a regional rail system, including commuter and other passenger services, linking your community to employment and activity centers. The Metrolink Antelope Valley Line connects thousands of Antelope Valley residents with Downtown Los Angeles on a daily basis. From stops in Lancaster, Palmdale, and Acton, you can take the Metrolink to Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles, which provides easy access to the Metro Red Line subway and buses. Saturday Service on the Antelope Valley Line also connects thousands of recreational riders to Six Flags Magic Mountain theme park.

For train schedules and information on other Metrolink lines, please call (800) 371-LINK or visit www.metrolinktrains.com.



Location of Antelope Valley stops: Lancaster - 44812 Sierra Hwy., Lancaster Palmdale - Palmdale Transportation Center, 39000 Clock Tower Plaza Dr., Palmdale Vincent Grade/Acton - 730 Sierra Hwy., Acton

## Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA)

The AVTA provides bus services to meet public transportation needs in the Antelope Valley. If you need help planning a trip, please call AVTA customer service at (661) 945-9445.

#### Where to Buy Passes

One way, 4 hour passes, and all-day passes are sold on the bus by the driver.

31-day passes may be purchased at the AVTA Administration Office at: 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster Monday through Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sundays - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Payment for local passes can be made in cash, money order, or credit/debit cards. Personal checks are not accepted.

You may also buy your pass online at www.avta.com. A list of additional locations that sell 31-day passes can be found at www.avta.com/transit/transit fares.htm.

## LA/Palmdale Regional Airport is cleared for takeoff, so traveling to and from the High Desert just got a lot easier!

Why sit in traffic for hours driving to another airport, when LA/Palmdale Regional Airport is right in your backyard? Just a quick 50-minute flight takes you to San Francisco International Airport, where you can catch hundreds of daily flights to anywhere you want

Starting September 3, 2008, United Airlines will operate four roundtrip flights between LA/Palmdale Regional Airport and San Francisco International Airport Monday through Friday and three roundtrips each on Saturday and Sunday.

### Palmdale Blvd.

Regular Routes

- 1 Lancaster-Palmdale
- 3 Avenue R
- 4 East Avenue K
- 5 Avenue L
- **6** Littlerock
- 7 Quartz Hill
- 9 Eastside Palmdale
- 11 Avenue I 15th St. West
- 12 Avenue J

Lake L.A. Express -Lake Los Angeles

#### Supplemental and Special **High School Routes**

AVTA operates supplemental and deviated routes during the traditional school year to accommodate student riders at certain high schools.

- **Supplemental** Antelope Valley High School
- 97 Supplemental Highland High School
- 99 Supplemental Littlerock High School

Please see map on page 33. Visit www.avta.com/transit/ transit schedules.htm to find full schedules and maps.



## LA/**Palmdale**Regional

Los Angeles World Airports

41000 20th Street East Palmdale, CA 93550 (661) 266-7600 TDD: (661) 224-1703 LAPalmdaleRegionalAirport@lawa.org

www.lawa.org/pmd



#### ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR DISABLED RESIDENTS

Access Paratransit is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandated curb-to-curb shared ride public transportation service for people unable to use regular bus or light rail services. Access Paratransit requires an in-person certification interview in order to become a registered rider. Visit www.asila.org for more information.



**Access Paratransit** 

**New Rider Registration:** (800) 827-0829 | TDD: (800) 827-1359

Operators available Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Ride Reservations:** (800) 883-1295

Monday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Hours of Operation** in the Antelope Valley:

Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Service hours are subject to change based upon revisions by the Antelope Valley Transit Authority to local fixed route service hours. Please check times

when reserving a ride.

**Fares:** Within the Antelope Valley \$1.75 Antelope Valley to Los Angeles \$6.70

Antelope Valley to Santa Clarita \$6.00

Get Additional Information on ADA Accessible **Transportation Options** in the Antelope Valley

For additional specialized public and private transportation service information, call ACCESS RIDE INFO at (800) 431-7882, (TDD: (800) 431-9731) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a specialist will provide you with information public and private providers with ADA accessible transportation options, including local dial-a-rides, in Los Angeles

# Ride the Antelope Valley Summer Beach Bus to Santa Monica Beach!



Days of Service:

Memorial Day, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Labor Day

**Beach Bus Stop Locations: Departs** Returns Lancaster City Park 8:40 a.m. 5:10 p.m. Palmdale Transportation 8:55 a.m. 4:55 p.m. Center

The Bus arrives at Santa Monica Beach by 10:45 a.m. (depending on traffic), and departs at 3:00 p.m.

For more Summer Beach Bus information, including accommodations for riders with disabilities and for large groups, call (888) 769-1122, or visit www.LAGoBus.Info and click on "Recreational Transit Services" link in the left hand column.

#### Fares (round trip):

Adults and children: \$6.00

Senior citizens (62+): \$2.00 (with proper ID)

Persons with disabilities: \$2.00

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Jackie Robinson Park

8773 East Avenue R

Littlerock, CA 93543 (661) 944-2880

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturdays

(661) 944-6603 gymnasium

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(661) 944-0413 fax

Dedicated in June 1965 and named after baseball great Jackie Robinson, this 9.24-acre park's annual celebration of Juneteenth (also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day) attracts over 6,000 community members.

Hours:

Sundays

Amenities: Community building, gymnasium, computer lab, multi-purpose classrooms, and kitchen.



#### **James Washington** LA Urban Hero 2007 Award Winner

James won an LA Urban Hero Award in 2007 for his volunteer service at Jackie Robinson Park. James, a retired police officer, volunteers his time at the park to help develop quality programs for the community. As a police officer James was shot in the line of duty during a routine traffic stop by gang members. Despite his injury, he continued to be involved in his

community and serve others. At no charge to students, James started a beginning guitar class and after two months of learning guitar basics, his students performed at the annual Juneteenth event. James also promotes Healthy Parks by teaching an all-purpose fitness class.



#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

After School Adventure Camp

6-15 years

Monday through Friday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

September 2008 through June 2009

Fee: \$12/year

Boxing (Boys and Girls) 8-18 years

Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Year Round Fee: No charge

#### **Drum Corps**

Year Round

Fee: \$25/year

6-18 years Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Year Round Fee: No charge

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT JACKIE ROBINSON PARK HAS A FREE BOXING PROGRAM?

Coach Jose Rodriguez teaches anyone that wants to learn from ages 8 to 38 years. The program also consists of strength and cardio training at the park's fitness center. The program has seen great success with students winning state and national titles. Stop by today and learn more!

#### Sheriff's Youth Activity League

Cheerleading and Dance Squad

Wednesdays and Fridays

Boys and girls from 5th to 12th grade can sign up for youth basketball, field trips, and other activities. Call Deputy Oates at (661) 944-2880 for more information.

Toy Loan

2-12 years 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

6-17 years

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays

Year Round Fee: No charge.

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#### RECREATION AND NATURE

5-18 years

Youth Basketball League

Dates and practice times TBA

Saturday games 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40/season

For updates, please contact the park at (661) 944-2880.

Youth Coed T-Ball / Softball League

Dates TBA

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45/child

For updates, please contact the park at (661) 944-2880.



#### ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS

Boxing (Men and Women)

19-38 years Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Year Round Fee: No charge

Co-ed Adult

Recreational Volleyball 17 years and up Mondays and Fridays 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: No charge

Fitness Workout Room All ages

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Year Round 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: No charge

**Guitar Class** All ages

Dates TBA 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: No charge.

For registration information, please contact the park at

55 years and up

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(661) 944-2880.

Sun Village Jolly Seniors

1st Tuesday of the month

Year Round Fee: No charge Youth Self-Defense Karate & Safety Awareness Program

Saturdays (Year Round) 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$7/week

6-14 years

5-15 years

Youth Wrestling Program 6-15 years

Wednesdays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$30/year; USA Wrestling Card: \$30/year

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Gospel Feast All ages

Saturday, September 6, 2008 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: Donations

Christmas Toy Give Away 2-14 years

Saturday, December 20, 2008 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Bunny Mania Extravaganza 2-12 years

April 2009 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Juneteenth Celebration All ages

June 2009 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Please note that programs/events may be subject to change. Call the park for the most current information.



## Pearblossom Park

33922 N. 121st Street East Pearblossom, CA 93553

(661) 944-2988

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(661) 944-1029 fax

Amenities: Small community room, basketball court, lighted softball diamond, childrens' play area, and patio with an outdoor stage. New play areas with climbing rock have also been installed at the park.

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

ABC Pre-School 3-5 years

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

August 18, 2008 through June 18, 2009

Fee: No charge

After School Adventure Club 5-12 years

Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August 2008 through June 2009

Fee: No charge

5-12 years Holiday Camp

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

December 8, 2008 through January 16, 2009

Fee: \$25/week

Kreative Korner 3-5 years

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

August 2008 through June 2009

Fee: \$25/3 months

Summer Day Camp 5-12 years

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June 2009 through August 2009

Fee: \$40/week

Teen Scene 13-18 years

Fridays 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Year Round Fee: No charge

5-12 years Toy Loan

Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Year Round Fee: No charge

Youth Coed Summer Soccer 5-15 years

Mondays and Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

July 16, 2008 through September 12, 2009

Fee: \$40/season

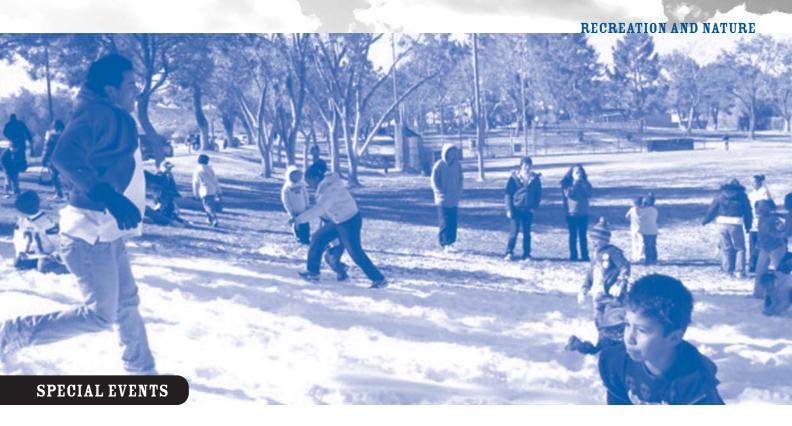


#### **Manny Bibian** LA Urban Hero 2007 Award Winner

Manny won the Teen LA Urban Hero Award in 2007 for his dedication to serving the Pearblossom community. Manny is a teen volunteer at Pearblossom Park and helps run the after-school program, day camps and youth sports. He has a unique ability to relate with children and has helped improve their



confidence and self-esteem in areas from sports to schoolwork. Manny has shown great leadership abilities with leading activities for youth programs and assisting park staff in many different capacities.



Halloween Spook-tacular Dance

Friday, October 31, 2008

Fee: No charge

Winter Wonderland

Friday, December 19, 2008

Fee: No charge

3-16 years 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

5 years and up 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Black History Month Celebration

February 2009

Fee: No charge

Easter Egg-Stravaganza

April 2009 Fee: No charge

All ages Time TBA

14 years and under 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please note that programs/events may be subject to change. Call the park for the most current information.

## Apollo Park

4555 West Avenue G Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 259-1750 (661) 722-7780 fax

Hours: Daily, sunrise to sunset The park is closed one week prior to Fishing Derby events.

Amenities: Picnic areas, bike path, restrooms, three playgrounds, stocked lakes, and an Apollo space capsule on loan from the Smithsonian Institution. A fishing license is required for anyone 16 years an older.



#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall Adult Fishing Derby 16 years and older Saturday, November 1, 2008 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fishing license required

Fee: \$15 pre-sale or \$20 day of event

Spring Youth Fishing Derby Saturday, May 2, 2009 Fee: No charge

5-15 years 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

## George Lane Park

5520 West Avenue L-8 Quartz Hill, CA 93536

(661) 722-7780

(661) 718-0957 fax (661) 943-7181 gymnasium

(661) 943-2000 pool

Hours:

Monday through Friday Saturdays

Sundays

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Completed in 1961, the Park was named after George Lane who was famous in the area for his twenty mule teams.

On September 11, 2006, the park unveiled the George Lane Park Memorial Wall, which was built to pay tribute to U.S. veterans, firefighters, and law enforcement.

This past year, a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system was installed in the community building.



#### After School Program

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays September through June

Fee: \$30/month

**Computer Class** 

6-17 years Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Year Round Fee: \$5/month

**Guerra Fencing Studio** 

6-18 years Wednesdays (Year Round) 4:30 pm. - 7:30 p.m. Fridays (Year Round) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$60/month (one day per week)

#### There is a new face at **George Lane Park!**

Leah Ferrassoli, aka Coach Leah, brings broad experience in recreational sports to George Lane Park. Coach Leah has coached swimming for the past 12 years, and is a long-time coach and supporter for the Special Olympics. Come meet Coach Leah and learn about her ideas for programs at the park. How does track and field, wheelchair basketball, adult volleyball, indoor soccer and even community dances sound? Let us hear your ideas about different types of recreation you would like to participate in!

Pre-School Program

Monday through Friday

Year Round

Fee: \$185/11-week session

Spring Day Camp

5-12 years Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

March 23 - 27, 2009

Fee: \$50/week

6-12 years

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\$20/week for Extended Camp (2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Summer Day Camp

5-12 years Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

June 22, 2009 - August 21, 2009

Fee: \$50/week

Winter Day Camp

5-12 years

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday December 15-19 and 22-26, 2008 (except December 25)

Fee: \$50/week

\$20/week for Extended Camp (2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Young Champions Self-Defense Class

5-15 years 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

3-5 years

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$90/three-month session

Thursdays (Year Round)

#### Youth Summer Basketball

5-15 years

For information, please contact the park at (661) 722-7780.

#### Youth Winter Basketball

5-15 years

Tuesday through Friday

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dates TBA Fee: \$60/season

Registration starts October 2008

#### Youth Wrestling

4-17 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$12/month or \$50/year

#### Youth Champions Self-Defense Class

5-15 years Thursdays (Year Round) 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$90/three-month session

#### ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS

#### Adults Computer Class

18 years and up

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Year Round Fee: \$5/month

#### Family Ethnic Dancing

All ages

Tuesdays (Year Round)

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

All ages

#### **Guitar Class**

Dates TBA

Wednesdays

Fee: No charge (Must bring your own guitar)



#### **Indoor Soccer**

Dates TBA

16 years and up 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$300/team or \$40/individual

Please call Leah Ferrassoli at the park for more information.

#### **USA POUNDERS WRESTLING**

The George Lane Park wrestling program has a winning hold in the community. In 2007 two of the program's wrestlers won titles at the California Kids State Wrestling Championships. This program is open to youth ages 5 - 18 years. Call the park to sign up now!

#### Tae-Bo for the Average Joe

14 years and up 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays

Year Round

Fee: No charge

#### **Topiary Class** Wednesdays

18 years and up 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Year Round

For fees and information, please call (661) 722-7780.

#### Volleyball

18 years and up 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Fridays Year Round

Fee: No charge

#### Walking Club

14 years and up

Daily

Year Round

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Fee: No charge

Check in with Claudia or Leah at the park.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### September 11th Remembrance

All ages

Thursday, September 11, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

#### Easter Egg Hunt

12 years and under

Date TBA

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

April 2009

Fee: No charge

#### Fourth of July Celebration

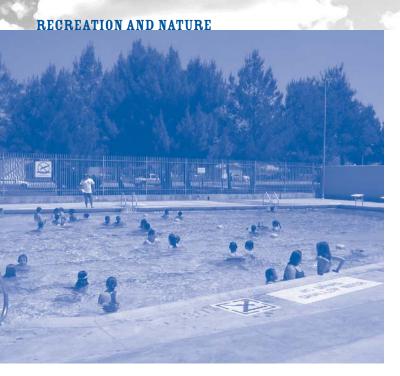
All ages

Saturday, July 4, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Please note that programs/events may be subject to change. Call the park for the most current information.



## George Lane Park Pool

(661) 943-2000

The pool is open mid-June to Labor Day; hours may vary depending on circumstances. For more information, please call the North Agency Aquatics Office at (661) 294-3532 or George Lane Park at (661) 722-7780.

Dive Team 7-18 years Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Family Night All ages 1st three Saturdays of the month 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Lap Swim 7 years and up Daily 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Limited to 1 or 2 lanes only 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$25/month or \$7/week

Recreational Swimming All ages

12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Daily

Fee: No charge

Children 7 years and under

must be accompanied by a parent.

Swim Lessons All ages Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

40-minute classes Fee: No charge

Swim Team 7-18 years Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Fee: No charge 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

13-18 years Teen Night 4th Saturday of the month 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

## Acton Park

3751 Syracuse Avenue Acton, CA 93510

(661) 294-3500 (North Agency Headquarters)

Hours: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Acton Park's amenities include picnic tables, restrooms, a playground area and a ball field. In 2008, Phase II park development will begin, and it will include the installation of a second ball field, a basketball court, a gazebo, additional turf areas, sidewalks and landscaping.



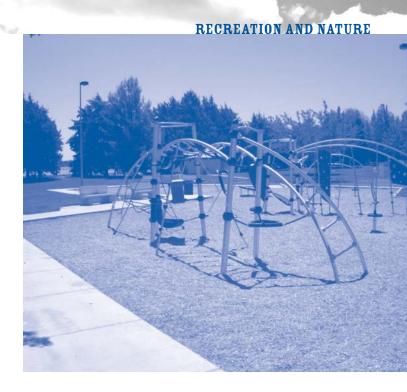
## Everett W. Martin Park

35548 N. 92nd Street East Littlerock, CA 93543

(661) 944-2988 (information) Hours: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Named for pioneer Everett W. Martin, one of the original settlers of Littlerock in the 1890s, this park opened on May 29, 1974 with the dedication of the swimming pool, which had been a long-time dream of the foothill communities in the Littlerock area.

Amenities: Three play areas, a newly-surfaced basketball court, picnic area, comfort stations and security lighting. During the summer, the swimming pool has many scheduled activities. This past year, new play areas were installed and the basketball court and parking lot were refurbished.



#### FEATURED RECREATION PROGRAM

#### Youth Parks on Wheels Enhancing Recreation (POWER)

Mobile Recreation Unit 6 - 18 years 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fridays (Year Round)

Fee: No charge

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Toy Give Away

Saturday, December 6, 2008 Fee: No charge

2-14 years 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### **Everett Martin Park Pool** (661) 944-1449

The Everett Martin Park Pool is open from mid-June to Labor Day; days and times are subject to change. For more information, please call the pool or the North Agency Aquatics Office at (661) 294-3533.

Adult Lap Swim 18 years and up 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Daily

Fee: \$25/month or \$7/week

**Dive Team** 7-18 years Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Family Night All ages

1st three Saturdays of the month 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

**Recreational Swimming** All ages Daily

Children 7 years and under must be accompanied by a parent

12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



## Stephen Sorensen Park

16801 East Avenue P

Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

(661) 264-1249 (661) 264-9827 fax Hours:

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Saturday & Sunday

12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Stephen Sorensen Park is a local community park with lighted basketball courts, multi-use sports field and a lighted baseball diamond. In 2008, groundbreaking is anticipated for a new gymnasium with classrooms wired for computer learning, a kitchen, and restrooms. Other improvements will include security lighting, walkways, landscaping, irrigation, and additional parking.



#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

After School Program

6-14 years 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday September 2008 through June 2009

Fee: \$30/school year

After School Snack Program

18 years and under

Monday through Friday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

September 2008 through June 2009

Fee: No charge

Cheerleading

6-12 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$30/16-week session

Dance Squad

7-18 years

Tuesday through Thursday

4:30 pm. - 5:30 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$20/16-week session

Parents Night Out

5-15 years

1st and 3rd Friday of the month

6:00 pm. - 9:00 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$5/child

**Summer Camp** 

5-12 years

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

June 22, 2009 through August 21, 2009

Fee: \$25/week

Summer Lunch Program 18 years and under

Monday through Friday

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Dates TBA

Fee: No charge

**Toddler Camp** 

3-5 years Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$50/16-week session



Toy Loan Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year Round

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

12 years and under

Fee: No charge

Winter Holiday Camp

5-12 years

Monday through Friday 1st Session: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. December 8-30, 2008 2nd Session: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(except December 25)

Fee: \$20/child/session (discount for multiple-child families)

Youth Coed Softball

6-16 years

Dates TBA

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45/child

For updates, please contact the park at (661) 264-1249.

Youth Winter Basketball

5-15 years

Dates TBA

Fee: 45/child (discount for multiple-child families)

For updates, please contact the park at (661) 264-1249.



#### ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Spring Softball

18 years and up Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Dates TBA

Minimum of 10 games plus playoffs. Limited space available. League fee: \$330/team due at manager's meeting (late fee: \$25). Umpire fee: \$13/team/game.

**Adult Winter Softball** 

18 years and up Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

October through February

League Fee: \$330/team due at manager's meeting (late

fee: \$25). Umpire fee: \$13/team/game.

Lights, Camera, Action! Movie Night All ages

4th Friday of the month 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

June through September Fee: \$1/family/night

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Low-Rider Show** All ages

Saturday, September 13, 2008 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Patriotic Day All ages

Saturday, September 13, 2008 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Lake LA Day All ages

Friday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

September 19-21, 2008

Fee: No charge

Trunk or Treat 18 years and under Saturday, October 25, 2008 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

6-14 years Thanksgiving Event

Saturday, November 22, 2008 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Visit with Santa 17 years and under

Saturday, December 13, 2008 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: Pictures \$5

Easter Egg Hunt 8 years and under

Date TBA

April 2009 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge

Chili Cook-off All ages

Date TBA, June 2009 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20/entry

Cooking kicks off at 10:00 a.m. sharp!

Please note that programs/events may be subject to change. Call the park for the most current information.



## Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area and Nature Center

28000 Devil's Punchbowl Road

Pearblossom, CA 93553

(661) 944-2743

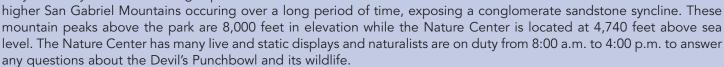
(661) 944-6924 fax

www.devils-punchbowl.com

Hours: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Nature Center Hours: Daily, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area consists of 1,310 acres and was opened in December 1963. The Punchbowl is a deep canyon cut by the runoff of large quantities of water from the





#### Amenities & Activites:

- Animal presentations
- Birding
- Equestrian trails
- Geological study
- Hiking
- Junior Rancher program
- Picnicking
- Ranger-led hikes
- School and other group tours, by reservation only
- Seasonal campfire programs
- Seasonal special events

#### RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Full Moon Hikes** 

All ages

Saturdays (Year Round)

Call (661) 944-2743 or check website for dates and times.

Fee: No charge

**Meteor Shower Programs** 

All ages

January through November

9:00 p.m.

Call (661) 944-2743 or visit www.devils-punchbowl.com

for more information.

San Andreas Fault Tours

Parties in Nature

All ages

Call (661) 944-2743 to schedule a party.

Fee: No charge

Sundays

All ages 1:00 p.m.

#### VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Youth and adult volunteers are appreciated and find the experience very rewarding. Our Junior Ranger program encourages youth to become teachers of the information they learn on site and share it with the visiting public. For more information, please call the park.

**School Field Trips** 

All grade levels

Call (661) 944-2743 to schedule guided field trips of the Nature Center and natural history.

#### **Telescope Programs**

All ages

Saturdays (Year Round)

Call (661) 944-2743 or visit www.devils-punchbowl.com

for dates and times.

Fee: No charge



## Los Angeles County High Desert Wildlife Santuaries

(661) 944-2743

www.wildflowers.devils-punchbowl.com

The Los Angeles County Wildlife Sanctuaries contain some of the finest wilderness recreation opportunities available anywhere. Each has its own unique array of resources, from wildlife photography to bird watching. In the spring, many carpets of wildflowers spread across the sanctuaries and over a hundred species of plants have been identified in the preserves.

#### **Acton Wash Sanctuary**

Soledad Canyon and Gillespie Avenue

#### **Alpine Butte Wildlife Sanctuary**

East Avenue O (between 130th Street East & Longview)

#### **Big Rock Wash Wildlife Sanctuary**

East Avenue O (between 115th and 120th Streets East)

#### **Blalock Wildlife Sanctuary**

Valyermo Road (south of Avenue W East)

#### **Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary**

East Avenue | (between 190th and 200th Streets East)

#### **Desert Pines**

West Avenue G (between 200th and 205th Streets West)

#### Carl O. Gerhardy Wildlife Sanctuary

240th Street East (between Avenue M and Avenue N)

#### **Jackrabbit Flat Wildlife Sanctuary**

Northwest corner of 116th Street East and East Avenue T in Pearblossom

#### **Mescal Wildlife Sanctuary**

North of Highway 138 (between 238th ad 243th Streets East and Avenue X)

#### **Theodore Payne Wildlife Sanctuary**

235th Street East (between Avenue U and V) a mile north of Highway 18

#### **Phacelia Wildflower Sanctuary** 200th Street East and Avenue D

## Tesoro Adobe Historic Park

29350 Avenida Rancho Tesoro Valencia, CA 91354 (661) 702-8953

Hours: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tours by reservation Sunday through Friday. Please call (661) 702-8953 for more information.

#### Amenities:

- Adobe Ranch House
- Amphitheater
- Outdoor picnic area with BBQ grill
- Western Movie Star Harry Carey's Ranch

#### RECREATION PROGRAM

Tesoro "Explorers" Children's Adventure Program A Parent/Adult and Child Enrichment Program

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Art Shows Concerts Easter Egg Hunt **Outdoor Movie Showings** 

Please call (661) 702-8953 for more information on recreation programs and special events.



## Castaic Lake State Recreation Area

32132 Castaic Lake Drive Castaic, CA 91384 (661) 257-4050 (661) 257-3759 fax

www.castaiclake.com

Hours: Sunrise to sunset (season dependent) Closed Christmas Day.

The swim beach is open daily until September 1, 2008, on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on weekends from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Castaic Lake Recreation Area is a spectacular 8,700 acre facility featuring two separate lakes. Located eight miles north of Six Flags Magic Mountain on Interstate 5, the recreation complex offers a wide variety of recreational activities.



#### Amenities & Activites:

- Bicycling
- Boating 3 launch ramps
- Camping
- Fishing ADA fishing pier
- Group picnics
- Hiking
- Jet skiing

- Kayaking
- Mountain biking
- RV Camping
- Sailing
- Swimming
- Wakeboarding
- Water skiing

#### Concessionaire:

Castaic Landing • (661) 775-6232 Rental of aluminum fishing boats

#### RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

#### CASTAIC LAKE'S JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM (www.castaicjgs.com)

Established in 1990, the Castaic Lake Junior Lifequard Program is conducted by the Department of Parks and Recreation Lake Lifequards.

The program offers a wide range of activities for children ages 9 to 17 years old. These activities include swimming, kayaking, snorkeling, and training in lifequard skills. In addition to these activities, participants are also taught skills in basic lifesaving, CPR, first aid, and search and rescue. All sessions are taught by highly trained BOATING INSTRUCTION SAFETY CENTER (BISC)

#### Junior Lifequard Program Schedule

Llfequard Program Director.

Lake Lifequards, overseen by a Junior

Please check the website for 2009 program dates.

The Boating Instruction Safety Center is one of the largest boating education centers in the nation, serving more than 10,500 individual through its credit, non-credit and community service programs each year through the California State University Northridge (CSUN) aquatics programs. From students to community members, the center truly offers something for everyone. Activities include water skiing, wakeboarding, wakeskating, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing, and boating safety eduction. For more information, please call (661) 257-0571.

#### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **Bird Walks**

1st Saturday of the month Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Lagoon

#### Movies at the Lake

September 5 and October 3, 2008 Karaoke at 6:30 p.m. Movie begins at 8:30 p.m.

#### **Moonlight Fishing**

Co-sponsored with The Friends of Castaic Lake Events held monthly May to September September 6 and 27, 2008 \$6/person

#### **Night Bass Fishing Tournaments**

Co-sponsored with The Friends of Castaic Lake August 22 and September 12, 2008 Cost: No charge

#### Catch a Special Thrill Fishing Day for disabled and disadvantaged youth

Co-sponsored with The Friends of Castaic Lake and Dept. of Water Resources October 4, 2008 Call Linda Showalter at (661) 257-4050 to register or volunteer at the event.

#### 4th of July Fireworks Celebration July 4, 2009

For more information on any of these events or additional events, call (661) 257-4050.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

The Friends of Castaic Lake (FOCL) are a group of dedicated volunteers who continue to make a positive impact on the Castaic Lake Recreation Area. Since 1983, this non-profit group has been helping support and enhance the operation of the Castaic Lake Recreation Area. FOCL meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Boating Instruction Safety Center. For more information, go to www.castaiclake.com and click on the link to "Friends of Castaic Lake" or contact Lori Bennett at (661) 257-4050.

#### **ADMISSION FEES** (Subject to change):

**SUMMER SEASON** - May 1 through September 30

Vehicle entry fees: \$11/daily - weekdays, weekends, holidays \$5 Senior citizen or disabled person (Mon. through Fri., except holidays)

RV entry: \$12/daily • Bus Entry: \$25/daily Boat launch fees: Motorized - \$11/weekdays

\$13/weekends & holidays - Memorial

Day through Labor Day

\$6/daily Non-Motorized -

#### WINTER SEASON - October 1 through April 30

Vehicle entry fees: October, March & April - \$10/daily November through February - \$10/weekends/holidays only Senior citizen or disabled: October, March & April - \$5/weekdays

October through April - \$10/daily weekends/holidays only

RV entry: October, March & April - \$12/daily

November through February - \$12/weekends/holidays only

Bus entry: October, March & April - \$25/daily

November through February - \$25/weekends/holidays only

Boat launch fees: Motorized - \$10/daily Non-Motorized - \$6/daily

#### **ANNUALS** - Year Round

Vehicle: \$120/year

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Senior citizen or disabled person's vehicle: \$60/year

(Monday through Friday except holidays)

Boat: \$130/year (Motorized) • \$100/year (Non-Motorized)

#### **CAMPING FEES** - Year Round

Tent camping: \$15/site/day

RV camping (all camping except tents): \$18/site/day Dump fee (for non-registered campers): \$5/dump

## Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park

10700 Escondido Canyon Road Agua Dulce, CA 91390 (661) 268-0840 (661) 268-1343 fax

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (March - October) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(November - February)

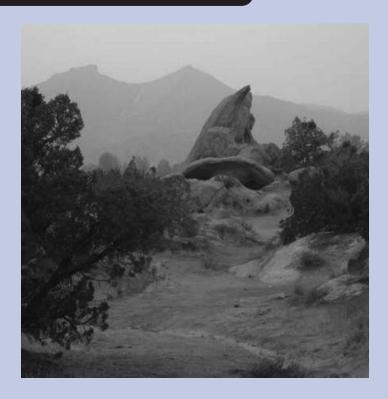
This 945-acre park is located in the high desert near Agua Dulce Springs and features spectacular rock formations, Tataviam Indian sites, and a seasonal stream. The rocks' history began in prehistoric times when the sandstone rocks were uplifted at a picturesque angle, showing their jagged red features. Vasquez has been a popular filming location used as a setting for scenes in many movies, television shows and commercials.

Please note: There is no drinking water in the park.

#### Amenities & Activities:

- Animal presentations
- Birding
- Equestrian trails
- Geological study
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Ranger-led hikes
- School and other group tours, by reservation only
- Seasonal special events

#### RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS



Beginners Hike (weather permitting) 13 years and older January through June 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. October through December

**Thursdays** Fee: No charge

Birds of Prey Presentation (weather permitting) All ages 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. January through June

October through December 1st Sunday of each month except July, August, September

Fee: No charge

Ranger Guided Hikes (weather permitting) All ages January through June 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

October through December

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month

except July, August, September

Fee: No charge

**Star Parties** (weather permitting) All Ages September 6 and October 4, 2008 Sunset to 11:30 p.m.

Fee: No charge

#### MANY IMPROVEMENTS TAKING PLACE AT

## Placerita Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center

19152 Placerita Canyon Road Newhall, CA 91321 (661) 259-7721 (661) 254-1426 Fax

www.placerita.org

Hours: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Nature Center Hours: Daily, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Placerita Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center is home to one of the best hikes in Santa Clarita and historic landmarks like the "Oak of the Golden Dream," where the first discovery of gold in 1842 was found and the historic Walker Cabin, built by pioneer Frank Walker in 1920.

Many renovations are currently taking place at Placerita Canyon! Refurbishments of the Nature Center include a new roof, siding, restrooms, ADA-accessible restrooms, and a new heating, ventiliation, and air-conditioning system. There will also be construction that includes rebuilding the bridge, a new water line installed to deliver potable water to the camping area, and a new roof will be installed on the historic Walker Cabin.

The renovations are expected to be complete by the end of 2008. Recreational and nature programs and walks will not be affected by the renovations and continue as scheduled.

These improvements will help to preserve and enhance the park and conserve a natural wonder that brings enjoyment, recreation, and education to all ages.

The Nature Center museum contains exhibits and displays of the natural history of Southern California, and there is a small collection of live animals on exhibit, including owls, hawks, snakes, a skunk, lizards, turtles, tortoises, and tarantulas to name a few. Maps, brochures, programs, schedules and other valuable information can be found on the website.





#### RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Animal Presentation** All ages Saturdays 1:00 p.m.

Bird Walk All Ages 2nd Saturday of each month 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Family Nature Walk All ages 11:00 a.m. Saturdays

Junior Ranger Program **Campfire Program** Community Hiking Club

Visit www.placerita.org for all current schedules.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

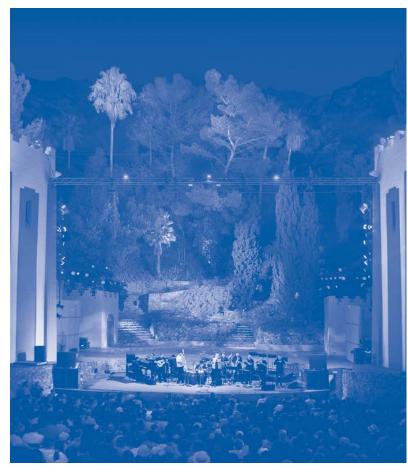
Placerita Canyon Nature Center has a very active volunteer program. If you are interested, please join us for our monthly volunteer orientation held the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. For further information, call the park or email info@placerita.org.



## John Anson Ford **Amphitheatre**

2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East Los Angeles, CA 90068 Show Info: (800) GO-1-FORD or www.fordamphitheatre.org

The beautiful outdoor Ford Amphitheatre in the Hollywood Hills seats more than 1,200 people and is one of the oldest performing arts amphitheatres in Los Angeles. This unique open-air theatre was built in 1920 and designed in Judaic architecture to resemble the gates of Jerusalem. The theatre offers a wide array of performances programmed by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission featuring dance, world music, jazz, chamber music, theater, pop music, film, and family events during the months of May through October. For evening shows, grounds open two hours before show times for patrons to relax and picnic. One-hour family shows on Saturday mornings are free for children and \$5 for adults. For more information, go to www.fordamphitheatre.org.



## Lancaster Museum & **Art Gallery**

44801 N. Sierra Highway Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 723-6250

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Mondays, holidays and

between exhibitions.

Admission: Free (suggested \$2 donation) Free school tours (please schedule in advance)

The Lancaster Museum and Art Gallery features local, national, and international art and historical exhibitions from collections, private lenders, and other museums. This facility showcases seven to nine rotating exhibitions annually, as well as artwork and historical items including ancient Egyptian mummies, Mayan and Native American artifacts, antique automobiles, Civil War memorabilia, robotic dinosaurs, and artwork by Picasso, Renoir, Rembrandt, and Goya.



The Land of Treetch: The Art of Frank Robert Dixon September 12 - November 2, 2008 (Closed on September 20)

Twenty-one years ago Frank Dixon painted his first "Treetch" (a tree with a human-like face filled with character and emotion). Since then he has drawn and painted dozens of these Treetch characters and other imaginary creatures (including a kwuflyn - a kitten with wings, and a dragoon - a close relative of a dragon). Dixon's paintings are self-portraits exploring his own emotions and feelings about life. This show will feature an array of Frank Dixon's work accompanied with work from some of his former students from Antelope Valley College and Quartz Hill High School.



The opening reception will be held on Friday, September 12 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Visitors will be able to enjoy a video, and book signing with the featured artist, Frank Robert Dixon.





Antelope Valley Indian Museum

## **Antelope Valley** Indian Museum

Avenue M between 150th & 170th Streets East Lancaster, CA 93535

The Antelope Valley Indian Museum is currently closed because building stabilization is taking place to protect this landmark structure and its collections. It is expected to reopen sometime in 2009.

The Antelope Valley Indian Museum is a unique and eclectic folk art structure which houses objects created by the American Indian cultures of the western Great Basin, California, and the Southwest. Built in the 1920s among towering rock formations in the Mojave Desert, the museum is operated by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Please visit www.avim.parks.ca.gov for more information including a comprehensive online catalog of the museum's collection and research information.

#### LEARN ABOUT THE OLD WEST AT THE

## William S. Hart Museum & Park

24151 San Fernando Rd.

Newhall, CA 91321

Museum Information: (661) 254-4584 Park Information: (661) 259-0855

www.hartmuseum.org

Park Hours: Open daily, sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

(6:00 p.m. during the summer) Museum Hours: By guided tour only

Early September to Mid-June

Wednesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (last tour at 12:30 p.m.) 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (last tour at 3:30 p.m.) Saturday - Sunday

Mid-June to Early September

Wednesday - Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (last tour at 3:30 p.m.)

William S. Hart, known as "Two Gun Bill," was a popular cowboy actor during the silent film era. He donated his sprawling 22-room mansion to the County with instructions that the public continue to enjoy it. The 265-acre park grounds include Heritage Junction, with the 1887 Saugus Train Depot and other historic buildings.

Hart Museum is a member of the National History Museum of Los Angeles County, and sits atop a hill within the Park. The Spanish colonial Revival style mansion contains original furnishings, an impressive collection of Western art, mementos of early Hollywood, and Native American artifacts.

#### Some Historic Structures found at Heritage Junction

(year built in parentheses)

Mitchell Adobe (1860) Mogul Train Engine #1629 (1900)

Newhall Ranch House (1865) Edison House (1925) Kingsbury House (1878) Ramona Chapel (1926)

Callahan School House (1927) Pardee House (1890)

Saugus Train Station Depot (1887)





#### FACILITIES AND THINGS TO DO:

- Animal barnyard, featuring pigs, rabbits horses and sheep
- A herd of American Bison (buffalo)
- Hart Hall and the Bunk House, great venues for weddings and special events
- Group camping (reservations required)
- Group picnics
- Hart Museum and historic ranch
- Hiking and equestrian trails



#### SPECIAL TOURS & PROGRAMS

Barnyard Tour Programs can be arranged for groups. Please call the Park and speak with the Park's Animal Keepers to make reservations.

#### DOCENT TRAINING

We are in constant need of volunteers to lead tours of the museum, assist with the Educational Outreach Program, and operate the Gift Shop. For more information, call the Museum or Park.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Hart Museum hosts a number of different events including Music in the Mansion concerts, silent film screenings, and the Hollywood at Hart lecture series!

#### A Day at the Ranch

Saturday, September 13, 2008, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us at the Horseshoe Ranch for some good family fun and learn about a day in the life of a cowboy! Guests are welcome to participate in different crafts and activities. Best dressed cowboy/cowgirl will be awarded. All ages are welcome. Suggested donation of \$2 per child.

#### **Native American Pow Wow**

Saturday - Sunday, September 27 - 28, 2008

Experience Native American culture through music, dance, art, and cuisine. Free Admission.

#### **Bow Wows and Meows Animal Fair and Pet Adoption** Sunday, October 12, 2008

Please call the Park or visit www.bowwowsandmeows.org for more information.

#### Silent Film Screening: Douglas Fairbanks

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Get ready for some fun with Fairbanks, the great swashbuckler! Guests will watch one of Douglas Fairbanks' films after viewing his costumes and props as well as being treated to dinner. Seating is limited and ticket purchase is required. Visit www.hartmuseum.org for ticket and information.

#### **Cowboys and Carols**

Saturday, December 6, 2008

Celebrate William Hart's birthday with fun, food, and festivities!

For further updates on these as well as additional Hart events, please visit the Museum's website at www.hartmuseum.org or call (661) 254-4584.







#### VISIT THE

## Los Angeles County Museum of Art!

5905 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90036 (323) 857-6000

www.lacma.org

Come and experience more than 100,000 works of art at LACMA, the largest encyclopedic museum in the West. Through its far-reaching collections, the museum is both a resource to and a reflection of the many cultural communities and heritages in Southern California.

#### ADMISSION:

Members	FREE		
Adult	\$9.00		
Seniors (62+)	\$5.00		
Students 18+ (with ID)	\$5.00		
Children (under 17)	FREE		
After 5:00 p.m. general admission to the			
LACMA: EDEEL			

LACMA is FREE!

#### FREE HOLIDAY MONDAYS!

Special programming and free admission for all! Monday, September 1, Labor Day Monday, October 13, Columbus Day Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day



# LAGMA

#### **HOURS**:

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fridays 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. LACMA is closed on Wednesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas.



## Broad Contemporary Art Museum (BCAM) at LACMA Now Open!

The Broad Contemporary Art Museum (BCAM) is the centerpiece of the first phase of a ten-year expansion and renovation project at the Los Angeles County of Museum of Art (LACMA). Housed in a new building designed by world-famous architect, Renzo Piano, the three-story BCAM includes 60,000 square feet of exhibition space - one of the largest column-free art spaces in

the United States - designed specifically for the display of art from 1945 to the present. Among the prominent contemporary artists featured in the new exhibition space include Andy Warhol, Barbara Kruger, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Jeff Koons, Cindy Sherman, and Richard Serra.

Also now open is the BP Grand Entrance, a new 8,100-square-foot glass entrance pavilion in the center or the campus, with BCAM and LACMA West to one side and the rest of the museum's galleries - including the Ahmanson building, Pavilion for Japanese Art, and the Art of the Americas building - to the other. The roof is made up of solar panels that will generate electricity to power *Urban Light*, a new outdoor artwork by Chris Burden.



#### JOURNEY OVER TO THE

## Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

900 Exposition Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90007

(213) 763-DINO www.nhm.org

#### ADMISSION:

Members FREE Adult \$9.00 \$6.50 Seniors (62+) \$6.50 Students 18+ (with ID) Children (13-17 yrs) \$6.50 Children (5-12 yrs) \$2.00 Children (under 5) **FREE** 

Admission is FREE on the first Tuesday of every month.

#### **HOURS**:

Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Museum is closed New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

of natural and cultural history. As the largest natural and historical museum in the Western United States and an active research center, the Natural History Museum safeguards more than 33 million spectacular,

Visit one of the world's most extensive and valuable collections

diverse specimens and artifacts

covering 4.5 billion years of history. The hands-on Discovery Center allows children to handle a variety of specimens and explore a vast Insect Zoo.

THINGS TO DO

Please call the Museum for more information.

#### **B-MOVIES AND BAD SCIENCE**

All ages Join members of the Museum's history and science staff for a light-hearted exploration of the "science" behind some of Hollywood's creature features. You will watch the movie and then discover what makes these creatures and plots implausible in reality, and get to see some of their "real life" counterparts in the Museum's collection. "Tarantula" on August 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and "Them" on August 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

#### **CRITTER CLUB**

Children ages 3 - 5 and accompanying adult One Saturday each month at 10:00 a.m., the Museum's Education Department hosts Critter Club where kids can meet live animals, play games and create neat crafts while they learn.

#### **PAVILION OF WINGS**

Running through early September 1, is the Pavilion of Wings, a lush habitat where free-flying butterflies flutter around visitors.

#### **SPIDER PAVILION**

In the fall, after the butterflies leave the Pavilion of Wings, the spiders take up residence! Here, visitors enjoy a rare, close-up view of hundreds of orb weaving spiders spinning their webs.



## Los Angeles County Arts Commission

1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 202-5858

www.lacountyarts.org

#### COUNTY'S ARTS EDUCATION INITIATIVE MAKES GREAT STRIDES

Arts for All, the County's 10-year initiative to return meaningful, sequential arts education to all 80 County school districts, has made great progress at its halfway point. The Lancaster and Palmdale School Districts in the Antelope Valley have confirmed participation in a new technical assistance model that provides personalized support for school districts to engage in a strategic process for long term arts education planning.

The online arts education portal, www.LAArtsEd.org, includes a searchable database of tools and resources including examples of school district arts policies, resources for strategic planning, and discussions that can support and expand school commitment to systemic arts education.

For more information about Arts for All, visit www.lacountyarts.org and click on Arts Education.



#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Youth and adult choral groups, music ensembles, and dance companies interested in applying to participate in the annual Holiday Celebration can visit the commission's Holiday Celebration website at www.holidaycelebration.org for more program information and the application process.

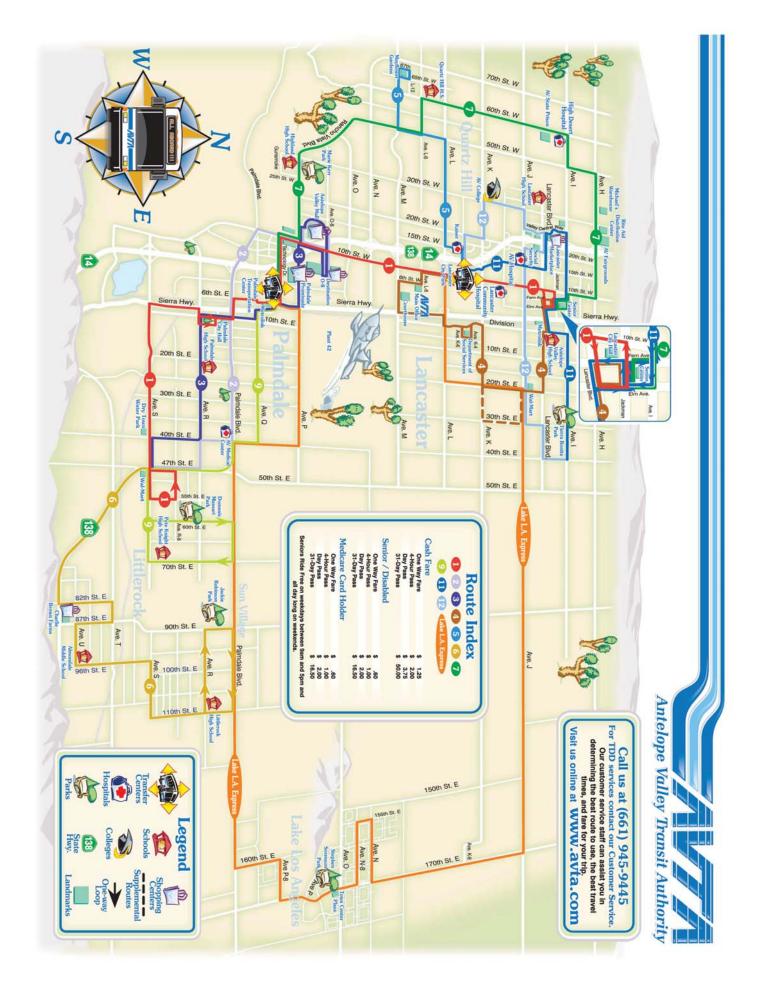


#### ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND OTHER FREE CONCERTS

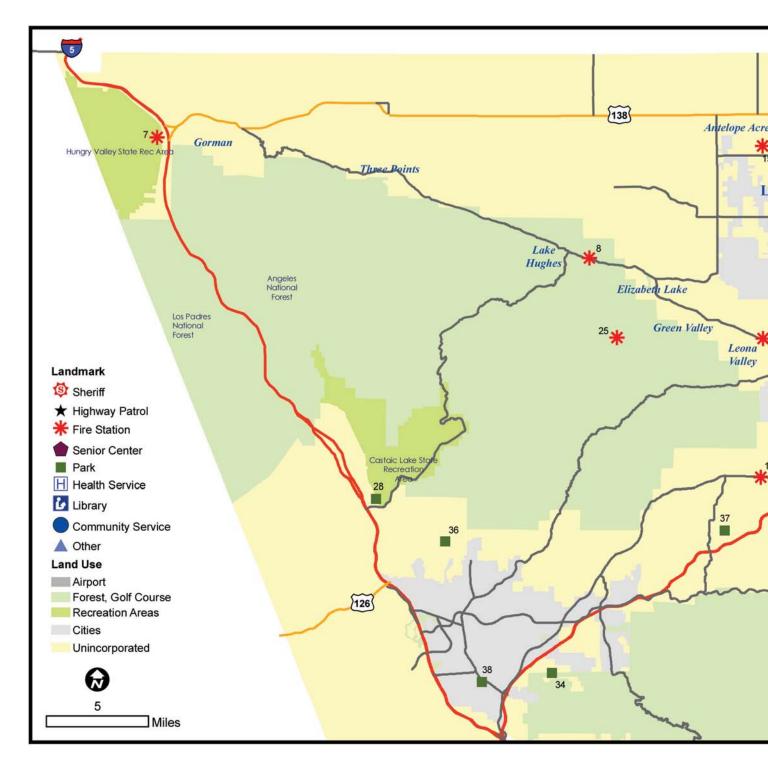
Come out to the annual Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of he Music Center (135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles) each year on December 24. The program honors the spirit of many cultures and holiday traditions through music, song and dance. Community and professional choirs, music ensembles, folk and traditional artists, and dance companies perform. The six-hour show is free and open to the public. Visit www.holidaycelebration.org for information on how you can participate in this festive event.

Throughout the year, the Commission also sponsors free music concerts in many locations around the County. For the concert schedule, go to www.lacountyarts.org/free.html.





#### ANTELOPE VALLEY 2008 MAP



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- 1 Lancaster Sheriff Station 501 W. Lancaster Blvd.
- 2 Palmdale Sheriff Station 750 E. Avenue Q
- 3 California Highway Patrol AV Station 2041 W. Avenue I

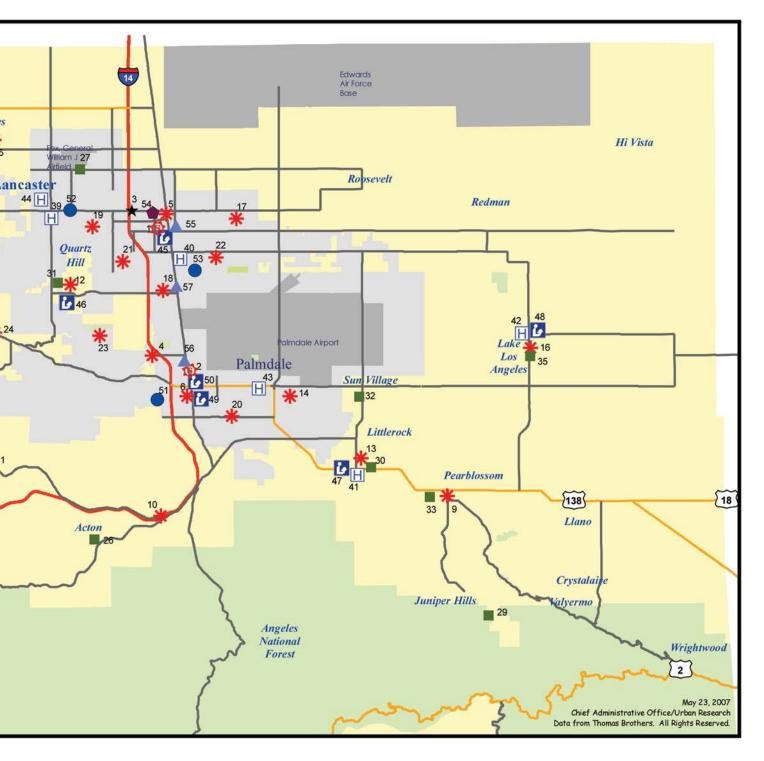
#### \* Fire Stations

- 4 Fire Station #24 1050 W. Avenue P
- 5 Fire Station #33 44947 Date Ave.
- 6 Fire Station #37 38318 9th St. E.
- 7 Fire Station #77 46833 Peace Valley Rd.
- 8 Fire Station #78 17021 Elizabeth Lake Rd.
- 9 Fire Station #79 33957 Longview Rd.
- 10 Fire Station #80 1533 Sierra Hwy. 11 Fire Station #81 - 8710 Sierra Hwy.

- 12 Fire Station #84 5030 W. Avenue L-14
- 13 Fire Station #92 8905 E. Avenue U
- 14 Fire Station #93 (proposed) 55th St. E. & Ave. R
- 15 Fire Station #112 8812 W. Avenue E-8
- 16 Fire Station #114 39939 170th St. E.
- 17 Fire Station #117 44851 30th St. E.
- 18 Fire Station #129 42110 6th St. W.
- 19 Fire Station #130 44558 40th St. W.
- 20 Fire Station #131 2629 E. Avenue S
- 21 Fire Station #134 43225 25th St. W. 22 Fire Station #135 - 1846 E. Avenue K-4
- 23 Fire Station #136 (proposed) Town Center & Bolz Ranch Rd.
- 24 Fire Station #140 8723 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

#### 25 Fire Station #157 - 15921 Spun Parks / Natural Areas

- 26 Acton Park 3751 Syracuse Av
  - 27 Apollo Park 4555 W. Avenue 0
  - 28 Castaic Lake State Recreation
  - 29 Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area
  - 30 Everett Martin Park 35548 92r
  - 31 George Lane Park 5520 W. Av
  - 32 Jackie Robinson Park 8773 E.
  - 33 Pearblossom Park 33922 121s 34 Placerita Canyon Natural Area -
  - 35 Stephen Sorensen Park 1680
  - 36 Tesoro Adobe Historic Park 29



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Area - 32132 Castaic Lake Dr. - 28000 Punchbowl Rd.

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350 Avenida Rancho Tesoro

37 Vasquez Rocks Natural Area - 10700 Escondido Canyon Rd. 38 William S. Hart Park and Museum - 24151 San Fernando Rd.

#### H Health Services

- 39 High Desert Health System/Hospital 44900 60th St. W.
- 40 Antelope Valley Health Center 335B E. Avenue K-6
- 41 Littlerock Community Clinic 8201 Pearblossom Hwy.
- 42 Lake LA Community Clinic 16921 E. Avenue O, Suite G
- 43 South Antelope Valley Health Center 38350 40th St. E.
- 44 Glenchur Clinic 45120 60th St. W.

#### Libraries

- 45 Lancaster Regional Library 601 W. Lancaster Blvd.
- 46 Quartz Hill Library 42018 50th St. W.
- 47 Littlerock Library 35119 80th St. E.

- 48 Lake Los Angeles Library 16921 E. Avenue O, Suite A
- 49 City of Palmdale Main Library 700 E. Palmdale Blvd. 50 City of Palmdale Youth Library - 38510 Sierra Hwy.

#### Community Services

- 51 AV Environmental Collection Center 1200 W. City Ranch Rd.
- 52 Lancaster Animal Shelter 5210 W. Avenue I
- 53 Lancaster DPSS District Office 349B E. Avenue K-6

#### Senior Centers

54 Antelope Valley Senior Center - 777 W. Jackman St.

#### ▲ Other

- 55 Lancaster Museum & Art Gallery 44801 Sierra Hwy.
  - 56 Palmdale Transportation Center 39000 Clock Tower Plaza Dr.
  - 57 Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse 42011 4th St. W.

### **TELOPE VALLEY**

Unincorporated County residents can drop off one bulky item per year at the Lancaster landfill, free of charge.

County of

Los Angeles

### City of **Palmdale**

Palmdale residents can have a maximum of 4 bulky items collected each week. Call Waste Management at (661) 947-7197

### City of Lancaster

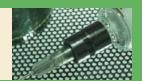
Lancaster residents can have a maximum of 4 bulky items collected each week. Call Waste Management at (661) 947-7197.

### Sharps Disposal **Medical Waste**

**Bulky Item** 

Disposal

The Sharps Disposal by Mail System allows home users to dispose of sharps by mailing them to a resource recovery facility. For information, call (877) WASTE MD or visit www.wastemd.com. Residents may also drop off their sharps at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center. See below for dates and time.



### Christmas Tree Recycling

Clean Christmas trees are picked up at curbside or dropped off at set locations free of charge.



Call Waste Management at (661) 947-7197 or visit www.888CleanLA.com for dates and information.

Tire Recycling

Unincorporated County residents can annually drop off up to 4 waste tires free of charge at the Lancaster landfill.

The Lancaster and Antelope Valley landfills will accept tires for a nominal fee.



To use, simply locate the **Smart Gardening** service you want and Workshops follow it to the jurisdiction



The Smart Gardening workshop provides all residents with information regarding backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, water-wise gardening, fire-wise gardening, and other waste reduction tips related to gardening. Residents attending the workshop will also have the opportunity to collect a free bag of mulch. Call (888)CLEAN LA or visit www.888CleanLA.com for more information.

### Free Trash Disposal Days

Unincorporated County residents can take up to 1 ton of trash to the Lancaster and Antelope Valley landfills on "Free Dump Day," held in April and October.

Palmdale residents can place up to 8 extra bags at curbside during AV Environmental Pride Week in April. Residents will also receive 2 free landfill vouchers per year.

Lancaster residents can take up to 1 ton of trash to the Lancaster landfill for "Free Dump Day," usually during AV Environmental Pride Week in April.

### Household/ Hazardous **Electronic Waste**

The Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center allows all residents to drop off household hazardous and electronic waste free of charge. The center, located at the Antelope Valley Landfill, 1200 W. City Ranch Road, in Palmdale, is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Residents can also drop off their cell phones at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority or with any ÁVTA bus driver.

Lancaster and Palmdale city residents may arrange for a free pick-up of used oil and oil filters at their doorstep by calling (800) 449-7587.



home.

The Cities of Lancaster

and Palmdale, the County

of Los Angeles, and

Waste Management, Inc., have collaborated to

produce this guide of

environmental services

available to AV residents.

Quick, easy, and convenient,

this resident's quide is a

handy reference on how

you can take advantage

of these services and

safely recycle or dispose of some items that may

be laying around your

Thank you for doing your

part in helping keep

Antelope Valley Beautiful!

in which you live.

### County of Los Angeles **Public Library**

### www.colapublib.org

The County Library operates three community libraries and one bookmobile in the unincorporated area of the Antelope Valley. In addition, the County operates the Lancaster Library, which serves the region and City of Lancaster.

Storytimes and special programs are offered for children and teens. All libraries offer a summer reading program from June through August. This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Bug!" for school age children and "Metamorphosis" for teens. Please check with your library for dates and times of program and events.

### Coming Soon! The Acton / Agua Dulce Library

The County is building a new single-story, 11,350-square-foot library that will serve the unincorporated communities of Acton and Aqua Dulce. The proposed library will be located on Crown Valley Road just north of Sierra Highway in the unincorporated area of Acton.

The new library facility will include a large adult reading area, a community meeting room, a teen area for middle- and high-school students, a children's area with dedicated storytelling and programming space, a small group study room, express-service checkout machines at the customer service desk, public access computers with Internet access, and an opening day collection of 33,050 books and other library

The new library is scheduled to open to the public in November 2009. Currently, the residents of Acton and Agua Dulce are served by the County Public Library's Santa Clarita Valley bookmobile service, which provides mobile library services at various locations in Acton. For a schedule of service, please call (661) 260-1792 or visit www.colapublib.org/libs/santaclarita.



#### THE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS ONLINE SERVICES

With a free County Public Library card, you can have access to a variety of helpful services from our own computer. Just apply at any one of the County's public libraries and have free access to full-text magazines, newspapers and other resources!

You can use our premium research tools to find information about business, health and medical issues, genealogy, car repair, homework topics for students of all ages, and much more. To access these resources, go to www.colapublib.org, click on "Find Magazine and Newspaper Articles" in the Quick Links column to select the resource you want.



### **Free Online Homework Tutoring** for Grades 4-12!

Live Homework Help is the County Library's free online homework assistance program. It is available at all County libraries or any location with an Internet connection. Students in grades 4 - 12 can get help online from expert tutors in Math, English, Social Studies, and Science daily from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Log on to www.librarytutor.org and use your County library card to begin your session.

### WIRELESS ACCESS

Free Wireless Internet "WiFi" Access is available to library card holders with laptop computers. Bring your WiFi-capable laptop to County libraries to take advantage of wireless Internet access.



### Lake Los Angeles Library

16921 East Avenue O, #A Palmdale, CA 93591

Mary MacTaggart, Community Library Manager

(661) 264-0593

www.colapublib.org/libs/lakelosangeles

Hours: Monday - Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturdays

> Sundays Closed

The Lake Los Angeles Library has served the community since 1992 and is housed in a 3,245-square-foot facility in the Saddleback Plaza Shopping Center. The current collection includes 59,80 books, audio recordings, videocassettes as well as magazine and newspaper subscriptions. Services available to customers are a public access computer workstation with Internet and Word Processor; children's programs; a copy machine; and a Friends of the Library Rental Collection.

Please call the Library for more events and information.



### **EVENTS**

### **Family Reading Festivals**

May (Spring) and November (Fall)

### Lake L.A. Anime & Manga Club (Teens)

3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

### **Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays in 6-week sessions at 10:30 a.m.

### **Toddler Storytime**

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.



The Littlerock Library is 3,680 square feet with ample parking, an expanded children's area, reading and periodical area, public Internet workstations, and a new parenting collection.

> Please call the Library for more events and information.

### Littlerock Library

35119 80th Street Fast Littlerock, CA 93543

Trisha Pritchard, Community Library Manager

(661) 944-4138

www.colapublib.org/libs/littlerock

Hours: Monday - Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sundays Closed

### **EVENTS**

#### **Book Club (Adults)**

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

### **Game Day**

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Storytime**

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

### Quartz Hill Library

42018 N. 50th Street West Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Marta Wiggins, Community Library Manager

(661) 943-2454

www.colapublib.org/libs/quartzhill

Hours: Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturdays

> Sundays Closed

The Quartz Hill Library Family Place Center provides a welcoming space and plenty of resources for children and their parents to play and learn together. The Center includes children's books and music, developmentally appropriate toys, parenting books, magazines and more. Call the library for more information and to find out about upcoming Family Place activities.

Please call the Library for more events and information.



### **EVENTS**

### **Family Storytime**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

### **Family Art Activities and Games**

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

### **Toddler Storytime**

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Antelope Valley Bookmobile

Currently, the bookmobile serves the areas of Lake Hughes, Leona Valley, Elizabeth Lake, Gorman, Antelope Acres, and Green Valley. Please call (661) 948-8270 or visit www.colapublib.org/libs/antelopevalley for more information.



### Lancaster Regional Library

601 W. Lancaster Boulevard Lancaster, CA 93534-3398

Judy Hist, Community Library Manager

(661) 948-5029

www.colapublib.org/libs/lancaster

Hours: Monday - Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

> Sundays Closed

The Lancaster Regional Library offers many services to customers including public access internet computer workstations and an online library catalog. The Library also has a Career Information Center; children's and adult programming; coin-operated typewriters and copiers; self check-out terminals; small group study/conference rooms; a Federal and State depository collection; public meeting room (available on a rental basis); and Friends of the Library Rental Collection.

Please call the Library or visit the website for a listing of events and information.

Sheriff's Department Lancaster Station

501 West Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 948-8466 www.lancastersheriff.org www.lasd.org

Reserve Program: (661) 940-3882 Crime Prevention Program: (661) 940-3832 Volunteer Program: (661) 940-3831 Station Tours: (661) 940-3831 Child Safety Presentations: (661) 940-3831 Neighborhood Watch: (661) 940-3832 Seniors Against

Victimizing Elders (SAVE) (661) 940-3831

The Lancaster Station covers an area of more than 600 square miles, which includes the city of Lancaster and the communities of Lake Los Angeles, Quartz Hill, and Antelope Acres. Quality law enforcement services are provided for more than 190,000 residents.

### ANTELOPE VALLEY SHERIFF'S BOOSTERS

The Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters is a non-profit organization formed in 1984 by local citizens to assist the local law enforcement effort. This volunteer organization has purchased equipment and provided help in accomplishing the law enforcement mission in the Lancaster area. In addition to providing much needed police equipment and crime materials, funds raised by the Booster Club help the Civilian Volunteer, Law Enforcement Explorer and Reserve Deputy Programs. Among the items the Booster Club has purchased include computers and computer equipment, an undercover narcotics vehicle, fingerprinting equipment, and radio equipment for Volunteers on Patrol.

If you are interested in participating in the Boosters, call (661) 940-3800.



### THE LANCASTER STATION WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER. CAPTAIN AXEL H. ANDERSON!

The Lancaster Station has a new commander, captain Axel H. Anderson, who recently took over for outgoing Captain Carl Deeley. Captain Anderson is a 30-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who has gained extensive experience throughout the County and in various Bureaus.



Captain Anderson's career with the Department began in 1978 when he attended the Training Academy. Since then, his assignments have included Field Operations, Narcotics Bureau, Training Bureau, Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau, and Leadership and Training.

In his free time, Captain Anderson enjoys all forms of physical exercise, including strength training, cardio training, backpacking, snow shoeing and gardening, as well as spending time with his family at their South Shore retreat in the Lake Tahoe area.

### Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program is a working network of concerned and proactive citizens throughout the Valley. Meetings are conducted in neighborhoods



to establish an effective crime prevention plan. If you are interested in beginning or joining a Neighborhood Watch Program in your area, call (661) 940-3832.



### **VACATION SECURITY**

Vacation is a time for fun and relaxation. Don't let yours be ruined by crime. Before leaving your home, follow these helpful tips:

- Have good locks on the doors and windows, and USE THEM!
- Engrave your valuables with an ID number, not your California Driver's License number and post "Operation ID" stickers in entry doors and windows.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of a door.
- Make sure your house appears "lived in." Use timers for lights and radios. Have a neighbor or friend pick up mail, packages and newspapers. Keep the lawn mowed and watered.
- Leave trip plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors or friends.

The Sheriff's Department also conducts "Vacation Checks" of residents' homes. If you are planning a vacation and wish checks of your house, please contact your local station.

Have you ever wanted to take a behind-the-scenes look at a Sheriff's Station? Sign up for the

### **ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



The Community Academy is a free informational program offered by the Sheriff's Department designed to give citizens a better understanding of how law enforcement functions. This popular program is a joint effort between the Lancaster and Palmdale Stations.

Learn about the Sheriff's Department's many functions through fun interesting activities including:

- Guest lectures
- Participation in realistic sample police scenarios
- Patrol car ride-alongs
- Station tours
- Tour of Pitchess Detention Center

To participate in the Community Academy, you must be at least 18 years old, reside or work in the Antelope Valley, and have no outstanding warrants, felony convictions, or currently be the subject of a criminal process. All applications are subject to Department approval.

For more information or to apply for the program, stop by your local Sheriff's Station or call (661) 940-3831 for the Lancaster Station or (661) 272-2415 for the Palmdale Station.

### Palmdale Station

750 E. Avenue Q Palmdale, CA 93550 (661) 272-2400 www.avheros.com www.lasd.org

Crime Tip Line: (661) 272-2414 Narcotics Tip Line: (661) 272-2409 Uniformed Reserve Deputies: (661) 272-2428 Antelope Valley Mounted Detail: (661) 272-2415 Volunteers/Community Relations: (661) 272-2415 Crime Prevention/Ride Alongs: (661) 272-2520

Palmdale Station provides police service for the City of Palmdale, as well as 770 square miles of unincorporated area from the Wrightwood ski area to Lake Hughes. Located at the corner of Sierra Highway and Avenue Q, the new Palmdale Station began full operations in 2006. The new 47,000square-foot main building includes a 7,800-squarefoot jail. With a large, spacious front lobby, the public can now be served quickly, efficiently and comfortably.





### THE PALMDALE STATION WELCOMES A NEW COMMANDER, CAPTAIN BOBBY D. DENHAM!

The Palmdale Station also has a new commander, Captain Bobby D. Denham, a 29-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who recently took over for outgoing Captain John Witt.



Captain Denham's career with the Department has included assignments at the old Antelope Valley Station, Palmdale Station, Altadena Station, Mira Loma Detention Center, Lennox Station, Pitchess Detention Center East Facility, and Region 1 Headquarters. Captain Denham is also a 2006 graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy program which provides leadership and specialized training for law enforcement leaders.

Captain Denham resides in Palmdale and enjoys flying, golf, water and snow skiing, and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

#### RESIDENT DEPUTY PROGRAM

There are three resident deputies from the Palmdale Station – one assigned to each of the following areas:

- Acton and Agua Dulce
- Littlerock, Pearblossom, Valyermo, Llano, and Wrightwood
- Leona Valley, Green Valley, Elizabeth Lake, and Lake Hughes

These deputies work along with Crime Prevention Specialists and community members to address quality of life issues and reduce crime in their areas. To learn more about the deputy assigned to your area, call the Palmdale Station.

### OTHER SHERIFF'S STATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

### Annual Public Safety Expo

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department provides displays and informational booths at the Antelope Valley Mall designed to familiarize citizens with public safety. Please call the Palmdale Station for more information.

### Antelope Valley Search and Rescue (SAR) Team

The SAR Team consists of highly trained Los Angeles County deputies, reserve deputies, and civilian volunteer specialists who are prepared to respond to any wilderness emergency. For more information, call **(661) 272-2428**.

### **Christmas Toy Drive**

Donations are accepted at the Sheriff's Stations from November through December 20 and distributed to families in need in the Antelope Valley.

### **National Night Out**

The first Tuesday night of August is the annual National Night Out (www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno) when community members across the country participate in a variety of activities to take a stand against drugs, gangs, and violent crimes.

### Vital Intervention Directional Alternatives (VIDA)

VIDA is a 16-week program for non-violent at-risk youth, ages 11-17. The program offers mandatory counseling with the parents and children, physical training, and field trips to a prison (Tehachapi or Lancaster) and the Museum of Tolerance. The program also offers academic tutoring. Call **(661) 456-3011** for more information.

### Youth Activity League (YAL)

The YAL at Jackie Robinson Park in Littlerock provides a safe, supportive haven for counseling, tutoring and after-school recreational activities for local youth. Some of the activities offered through the Palmdale Station YAL Program include field trips, baseball, boxing, after-school homework tutoring, drill team and drum corps. Call **(661) 944-2880** to get involved.

### Youth Explorer Program

The Youth Explorer Program is a volunteer program for youth, between the ages of 14-21 years old, to learn about the law enforcement field. For more information, call **(661) 272-2520** for Palmdale or **(661) 940-3884** for Lancaster.







### The Los Angeles County Police "Dedicated to the Community We Serve"

The Los Angeles County Police is a specialized law enforcement agency that provides police and security services to County facilities including parks, beaches, performing arts facilities, and hospitals. They are committed to providing a safer environment for employees, patrons, and visitors alike. All sworn members of this Department go through a Peace Officers Standards and Training program to prepare them for their role as law enforcement officers.

In addition to recent radio communication upgrades, the Los Angeles County Police is also now partnered with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Calls for service are being dispatched in a more efficient

> and expedient way with the CAD system to address law enforcement concerns in the Antelope Valley.

> To report crimes that occur at County Parks or other County facilities, you can call (800) 834-0064.



### The Los Angeles County Police is Now Hiring!

If you think you have what it takes to become a Los Angeles County Police Offier and want a rewarding career serving your local comunity, call (800) 869-4555 or visit www.lacpolice.org.

### California Highway Patrol



Safety, Service, & Security

Antelope Valley Station 2041 West Avenue I Lancaster, CA 93536

(661) 948-8541

Traffic enforcement and accident investigations in the unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley are provided by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). If you have any questions related to traffic violations, accident reports, and vehicle impounds, please contact your local CHP office at the number listed above.

### 1-800-TELL-CHP

(1-800-835-5247)

### **TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR NON-EMERGENCY PURPOSES**

The CHP has designated (800) TELL-CHP as the number that the public can call to access the CHP for non-emergency purposes (e.g., accident reports, tow questions, CHP office locations, vehicle theft tips, community outreach programs).

(800) TELL-CHP is an easily recognizable telephone number for contacting the CHP and will help decrease the use of the 9-1-1 system for non-emergency calls.

(800) TELL-CHP service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### Los Angeles County Fire Department

Antelope Valley residents are served by the following County fire stations.



1533 West Sierra Highway Acton, CA 93510

### Fire Station #81 - Agua Dulce

8710 West Sierra Highway Agua Dulce, CA 91350

#### Fire Station #112 - Del Sur Area

8812 West Avenue F-8 Lancaster, CA 93535

### Fire Station #78 - Elizabeth Lake Area

17021 Elizabeth Lake Road Lake Hughes, CA 95330

### Fire Station #157 - Green Valley

15921 Spunky Canyon Road Green Valley, CA 91390

#### Fire Station #77 - Gorman Area

46833 Peace Valley Road Gorman, CA 93243

### Fire Station #114 - Lake Los Angeles

39939 North 170th Street East Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591



### Fire Station #33 - Lancaster Headquarters

44947 Date Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534

### Fire Station #117 - Lancaster East

44851 30th Street East Lancaster, CA 93535

### Fire Station #129 - Lancaster

42110 6th Street West Lancaster, CA 93534

### Fire Station #130 - Lancaster

44558 40th Street West Lancaster, CA 93536

#### Fire Station #134 - Lancaster

43225 North 25th Street West Lancaster, CA 93534



#### Fire Station #135 - Lancaster

1846 East Avenue K-4 Lancaster, CA 93535

### Fire Station #140 - Leona Valley

8723 Elizabeth Lake Road Leona Valley, CA 93551

### Fire Station #92 - Littlerock

8905 East Avenue U Littlerock, CA 93543

### Fire Station #24 -Palmdale Headquarters

1050 West Avenue P Palmdale, CA 93550

### Fire Station #37 - Palmdale

38318 9th Street East Palmdale, CA 93550

#### Fire Station #131 - Palmdale

2629 East Avenue S Palmdale, CA 93550

### Fire Station #79 - Pearblossom

33957 Longview Road Pearblossom, CA 93553

### Fire Station #84 - Quartz Hill Area

5030 West Avenue L-14 Quartz Hill, CA 93536

### Fire Department Contact Information:

For Emergencies, Call 9-1-1

Non-emergency Antelope Valley: (661) 948-2631

#### **Fire Prevention Office**

335-A East Avenue K-6 Lancaster, CA 93535 (661) 949-6319 Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fire Prevention services are also available Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Department's office in Lancaster City Hall. Phone: (661) 723-6000



### Two New Fire Stations Being Constructed in the Antelope Valley!

Two new County fire stations in the Antelope Valley are expected to be completed in Fall 2008. The new fire stations will be contemporary, friendly, and energy-efficient station houses each initially housing a three-person Engine Company. Fire Station 93 located at 55th Street East and Avenue R will help cover a section of east Palmdale, and Fire Station 136 located next to Esperanza School at Town Center Drive and Bolz Ranch Road will protect a geographically diverse area of the west Antelope Valley.

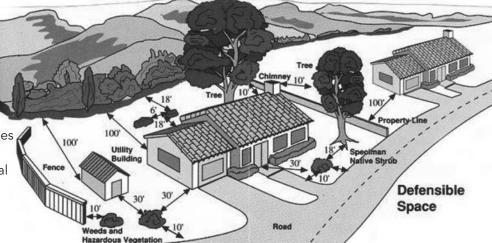
### Safety Tips for Living in a Brush Area

### Home Landscaping and Yard

- Remove flammable vegetation and other combustible growth within 30 feet of any structure (increase to 50 feet in high hazard areas).
- Thin out or remove other vegetation an additional 70 feet from structures for a total of 100 feet (increase to 200 feet in high hazard areas).
- Single trees, ornamental shrubbery and ground covers may be permitted, provided they do not readily transmit fire from native vegetation to structures.
- Landscape with drought tolerant and fire resistant plants.
- Space small trees and large shrubs a minimum of 15 feet between canopies or three times their height for smaller shrubs.
- Large trees should be spaced a minimum of 30 feet between canopies at maturity.
- For trees taller than 18 feet, remove lower branches that are within 6 feet of the ground.
- For trees and shrubs less than 18 feet, trim lower branches to one-third of their height. For example, lower a 6-foot branch to 2 feet.
- Maintain all plants by regularly removing dead branches and leaves.
- Remove all stacks of combustible materials.
- Remove debris from rain gutters.
- Stack wood at least 30 feet from structures. Remove flammable vegetation that is within 10 feet of woodpiles.
- Locate fixed butane/propane tanks at least 10 feet from any structure and maintain 10 feet of clearance.

### **Home Access**

- Identify at least two exit routes from your neighborhood.
- Clear flammable vegetation at least 10 feet from roads and driveways.
- Cut overhanging tree branches above roads to provide a minimum of 16 feet of vertical clearance.



### Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

#### What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is formed when carbon-based fuels, such as kerosene, gasoline, propane, natural gas, oil, charcoal or wood, are burned with inadequate amounts of oxygen. This can be caused by improper installation, maintenance, misuse, or failure of home gas appliances, as well as a lack of proper ventilation.

### Warning signs of Carbon Monoxide include:

- A large, yellow and unsteady gas appliance burner flame (with the exception of decorative gas log appliances).
- An unusual, pungent odor when the appliance is operating.

### **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

The early stages of carbon monoxide poisoning produce flu-like symptoms such as headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, and mental confusion.

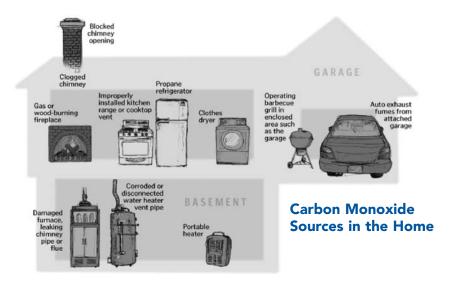
Carbon Monoxide displaces oxygen in the blood. Prolonged exposure can lead to death by asphyxiation.

### CAUTION: Non-vented gas heaters are unsafe and not approved for homes

- Poor operation can result in an accumulation of hazardous fumes.
- Unless a room heater has enough air from an outside vent or an open window, the oxygen in a room can be used up, resulting in illness or death.
- If the flames are not fully covered, they could result in fires.
- Never use your oven or range with non-vented gas heaters.
- Never use your outdoor barbeque indoors.

### **Carbon Monoxide Home Alarms**

- Provide an extra level of safety.
- Require routine maintenance and the replacement of alarms every three to five years.
- Regular gas appliance maintenance is still required.
- Inspection and routine maintenance are still the best defense against accidental carbon monoxide poisoning from gas appliances.



### What to do if you suspect Carbon Monoxide is present in your home:

- Immediately turn off and stop using the suspected gas appliance.
- Seek medical attention if anyone in the home experiences possible carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms.
- Contact the Gas Company or a licensed heating contractor or plumber immediately to have appliances inspected, serviced and determined to be safe.
- Gas appliance maintenance is the homeowner's responsibility.



# Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Course is Coming to the Antelope Valley...Sign Up Now!

The CERT Program consists of a curriculum designed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that teaches basic disaster response and emergency preparedness skills to cities and communities and to reduce dependence on governmental agencies immediately following a disaster. Since 2003, the County of Los Angeles Fire Department has proudly presented this training to the general public.

Following a major disaster, police, fire and medical professionals may not be able to fully meet the demand of the public. People will have to rely on each other to meet the immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs, particularly in isolated neighborhoods that may be cut off from the main roads for a period of time. In the event of a disaster, ERT-trained volunteers will have the skill and tools necessary to take care of themselves, their families, neighbors and co-workers when professional responders are not available; support emergency response agencies in emergency preparedness in their community; and become part of the disaster plan for local authorities.



- CERT organization
- Disaster psychology
- Disaster simulation exercise
- Emergency medical operations
- Emergency preparedness
- Fire safety
- Light search and rescue operations
- Terrorism



There is no charge for this training course. To sign up, please e-mail cert@fire.lacounty.gov or call (888) CERT-939 for further information.



### New Cell Phones Laws and Driving

The new cell phone law in California became effective July 1, 2008. The law will:

Prohibit the use of "hand-held" cell phones among drivers 18 years and older, except for emergency calls to law enforcement and public safety agencies, and for certain commercial vehicles for which the law's effective date is July 1, 2011.

Prohibit a driver under the age of 18 years from using ANY wireless device, even if equipped with a hands-free or mobile service device, except during an emergency.

While the new California law will soon make it illegal for drivers 18 years and older to use a hand-held device while driving, drivers can still use an earpiece, headset, speaker phone, or Bluetooth device.

### Be a responsible driver! Concentrate on your driving!

- Drivers who dial or text message on cell phones while driving are distracted and cannot fully pay attention to pedestrians, automobile traffic, and road conditions. Other common driver distractions include talking to passengers, eating, changing CDs or radio stations, and using on-board navigation systems.
- Distractions significantly reduce your: (1) reaction time; (2) ability to concentrate on vehicle and pedestrian traffic; (3) ability to control speed; and (4) ability to maintain your position or keep up with the traffic flow.

### If you MUST use a cell phone...

- Utilize a hands-free device while driving (for drivers 18 years and older).
- If your phone rings while you are driving, let voicemail answer. Call back when you are in a safe location and no longer driving.
- If you need to make a call, pull over to a safe location.

### NEW PROGRAM IN PLACE TO PROSECUTE ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES

A new program is in place to ensure uniformity throughout the County in prosecuting cruelty cases and to let the public know abuse of any animal will not be tolerated.

Deputy District Attorney Deborah Knaan, who has extensive experience in animal-related issues, will serve as the Los



Angeles County Animal Cruelty Case Coordinator. As a result of this new program, prosecutors and law enforcement officers throughout Los Angeles County will be better trained to investigate and prosecute animal abuse cases and all branch offices will designate a specific deputy district attorney to prosecute animal cruelty cases.

In the Antelope Valley, Knaan will be working closely with the Sheriff's Department. "We want to offer training for any deputies and police officers who would like it on how to investigate animal cruelty cases, collecting evidence and writing reports," she said.

Anyone who has information on animal cruelty should call the Lancaster or Palmdale Sheriff's Stations.



### Office of the District Attorney

Antelope Valley Branch Office 42011 4th Street West Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 974-7700

http://da.lacounty.gov

### **Bad Check Restitution Program**

More than \$21 million in restitution has been returned to victims through the Los Angeles County District Attorney Office's Bad Check Restitution Program over the past several years.

This program was established to allow first-time bad check writers to pay full restitution to their victims and attend a diversion class in lieu of criminal prosecution. Victims are able to recoup lost funds, including any bank charges, at absolutely no cost to them or to taxpayers. Bad check writers who successfully complete the class have a recidivism rate of less than five percent, demonstrating the effectiveness of the classes.

For more information about the program, filing a complaint, and tips on how to avoid being a victim of bad checks, visit http://da.lacounty.gov/bad check.htm or call (800) 842-0733.



To report ILLEGAL DUMPING, call (888) 8-DUMPING



### SAFELY SURRENDERED **BABY PROGRAM**

The Safely Surrendered Baby Law Program allows a parent with lawful custody to surrender a newborn child (72 hours or younger) to any firefighter on duty at any fire station in Los Angeles County or at a hospital emergency room.

The Safe Surrender Hotline (877) BABY-SAFE (222-9723) is available 24 hours per day to provide information, counseling, and referrals for anyone at-risk of abandoning a newborn baby. The hotline is staffed by professionals who speak more than 160 languages. You may also visit the website at www.babysafela.org.



The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) is the second largest public health system in the nation, providing direct patient care and public health services for nearly 10 million residents.

The following are County-affiliated medical resources available to the residents of the Antelope Valley:



### **MULTI-SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER**

### HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM

44900 N. 60th Street West Lancaster, CA 93536

Information: (661) 948-8581 Appointments: (661) 945-8205 Pediatric Clinic Appointments: (661) 945-8368

AV Hope Center (AIDS Clinic)

**Appointments** (661) 945-8448

Complaints (ask for

Patient Advocate): (661) 948-8581

### **Services Available:**

Adult Primary Care

Ancillary Services (Radiology, Laboratory, Pharmacy,

Electro-diagnostic Testing, Physical Therapy, Occupational

Therapy, Speech Therapy)

Disease Management Clinics

Family Medicine

Outpatient, Surgery and Special Procedures

**Pediatrics** 

Sub Specialty Clinics

**Urgent Care** 

Women's Health

### **Hours:**

**Urgent Care - Monday through Sunday** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight (walk-in)

Adult Internal Medicine - Monday through Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (by appointment)

Pediatrics - Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Women's Health - Monday through Wednesday and Fridays

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AV Hope Center - Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Specialty Clinics - By referral

### REHABILITATION CENTERS

#### **ACTON REHABILITATION CENTER**

30500 Arrastre Canyon Road Acton, CA 93510 (661) 269-0062

**HIGH DESERT RECOVERY SERVICES** 

40900 North 60th Street West Lancaster, CA 93536 (661) 945-8458

### **WARM SPRINGS** REHABILITATION CENTER

(Alcohol/Substance Abuse) 38200 North Lake Hughes Road Castaic, CA 91310 (661) 257-2342

### HEALTH CENTERS / COMMUNITY CLINICS

### **ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTH CENTER**

335B East Avenue K-6, Bldg. B Lancaster, CA 93535

Information: (661) 723-4511 Family Medicine Appointment: (661) 945-8205 Family Medicine Nurse: (661) 723-4458

Pregnancy Testing, Family

Planning, Prenatal Clinic: (661) 723-4624 Clinic Information: (661) 723-4523

Complaints (ask for

Patient Advocate) (661) 948-8581

#### **Hours:**

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### **Services Available:**

Family Medicine Family Planning **Pregnancy Testing** 

Prenatal Primary Care

#### LITTLEROCK COMMUNITY CLINIC

8201 Pearblossom Highway Littlerock, CA 93543

Information: (661) 945-8328 Appointments: (661) 945-8205

Complaints (ask for

Patient Advocate) (661) 948-8581

#### **Hours:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### **Services Available:**

Personal Health Center

Primary Care

### **SOUTH ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTH CENTER**

38350 40th Street East Palmdale, CA 93552

Information: (661) 948-8581 **Urgent Care:** (661) 272-5050 Primary Care/Pediatrics: (661) 272-5001 Appointments: (661) 945-8205

### **Hours:**

General - Tuesdays and Thursdays

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Urgent Care - Monday through Sunday** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight (walk-in)

Primary Care/Pediatrics - Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (by appointment)

Specialty Care - by referral

### **Services Available:**

Internal Medicine **Pediatrics** Primary Care Specialty Care **Urgent Care** 

### HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM - GLENCHUR CLINIC

45120 N. 60th Street West Lancaster, CA 93536 (661) 948-8581

### **Hours:**

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Services Available:**

Clinic Internal Medicine Oncology

SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect)

### HEALTH CENTERS / COMMUNITY CLINICS (CONTINUED)

### LAKE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY CLINIC

16921 East Avenue O, Suite G Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

Information: Appointments: Complaints (ask for Patient Advocate)

(661) 945-8488 (661) 945-8205

(661) 948-8581

#### Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Services Available:

Primary Care

#### TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER

907 West Lancaster Boulevard Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 723-4829

Information: Appointments: Complaints (ask for Patient Advocate) (661) 945-8328 (661) 945-8205

(661) 948-8581

#### Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **Services Available:**

In-patient Services Medical Detoxification **Out-patient Services** 

### VISITING NURSE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Primary Care services provided from a mobile van.

Please call (661) 942-2391 for weekly locations and times.





### **Environmental Protection Program**

The Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Protection provides a wide array of services to protect public health:

Solid Waste Management: Regulates landfills and the collection, transfer, and disposal of solid waste. Investigates complaints related to waste haulers and illegal dumping.

Swimming Pools: Inspects public swimming pools, spa pools, and special purpose pools to ensure they are built, maintained, and operated in conformance to applicable regulations, and certifies individuals who clean and service both public and private swimming pools.

Environmental Hygiene: Responds to environmental hygiene complaints from the public such as noise, odors, asbestos and other chemical hazards. This program also regulates and enforces ordinance regulations such as noise level standards and body art establishments such a tattoo parlors.

Radiation: Inspects X-ray and radioactive material users in the County such as medical, dental, and industrial facilities, and investigates incidents of radiation overexposure and radiological emergency incidents.

Garment: Enforces sanitation and occupational health and safety requirements within garment manufacturing establishments, commercial laundries, commercial laundry vehicles, unlicensed commercial buildings, and wiping cloth establishments.

Land Use: Reviews and approves plans for installation of repair of septic systems, domestic water supply wells, and other special use wells. Also determines if the water produced from private wells meets State Drinking Water Standards.

Cross Connection and Water Pollution Control: Protects potable water supplies served by public water companies from contamination or pollution by ensuring that no hazardous conditions exit.

For more information regarding Environmental Protection programs, please call (626) 430-5270.

### Hazardous Household Waste/ **Electronic Waste Collection Events**

The health and safety of people and animals, as well as the health of our communities and the environment is endangered when Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste (HHW/E-Waste) products

are discarded in household garbage, sinks, and storm drains.

The following are examples of HHW/ E-Waste products that may be found in and around your home:

- Lawn/garden-care products
- Paint and paint-related products
- Automotive fluids and batteries
- Beauty products and medicine
- Household cleaners
- Electronic equipment



Public Works sponsors HHW/E-Waste Collection Events monthly at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC) where residents can recycle their HHW/E-Waste. The AVECC is open for HHW/E-Waste Collection every first and third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



1200 West City Ranch Road Palmdale, CA 93551 For more information, please call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/avecc

### ANTELOPE VALLEY ILLEGAL DUMPING TASK FORCE

The Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force meets on a monthly basis to discuss and coordinate illegal dumping prevention programs in the Antelope Valley. The meeting occurs every second Wednesday of the month at:

Fire Station #129 - Training Center 42110 6th Street West Lancaster, CA 93534

For more information and a meeting schedule, please call (626) 458-3563 or visit http://ladpw.org/epd/illdump/tf.cfm.

### **Waste Tire Collection Events:** Get Rid of Your **Old Tires for FREE!**

In Los Angeles County, approximately ten million waste tires are generated annually. Old tires that are illegally dumped or improperly stored can pose a serious threat to public health and safety, as well as to the environment. The result can be urban blight and significant costs to residents. Waste tires can serve as a nesting area for rodents, a breeding ground for disease spreading mosquitoes, and release toxic smoke if they catch fire.

To prevent these problems, DPW offers FREE waste tire collection events in the Antelope Valley for residents. Tires collected are recycled into beneficial materials such as loose playground fill and roofing shingles.



Tire collection events are planned for Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Lancaster, Palmdale, Littlerock, and Quartz Hill.

For more information including recycling dates and locations, call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.ladpw.org/epd/tirerecycling/ collection.cfm.

### Protect Your Property Value! Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT)

The County has stepped up its code enforcement efforts in the Antelope Valley by creating a Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT) that focuses on serious violations requiring the response of multiple County departments.

The NAT will visit locations to investigate code violations and public nuisance complaints at commercial and residential properties and conduct follow-up inspections to assure compliance.

If you would like to report problem properties with serious or multiple (building, business, health, zoning) code violations, call or fax your complaint to:

Glenis McLeod, NAT Coordinator

Phone: (661) 723-4440 (661) 723-4435



If your complaint does not warrant a visit by the NAT, it will be referred to the appropriate agency.

### **Graffiti Removal**

To report graffiti in your neighborhood and to request graffiti removal service, call (800) 675-4357 (675-HELP). A graffiti removal request may also be submitted online at www.dpw.lacounty.gov/go/graffiti with the option to upload photos of graffiti and check the removal status.

# Now You Can Report Graffiti Online through the **Graffiti Abatement Referral System (GARS)!**

Antelope Valley residents can submit their graffiti complaints online through GARS at www.dpw.lacounty.gov/go/graffiti.



Graffiti reported on this system is automatically assigned to contractors who will clean up the graffiti and government agencies are automatically sent e-mails if the graffiti is in their jurisdiction.

### Your Sewer Service Charges at Work: Inspections to Keep Sewer Drains Free and Clear

The sewer system in your community is operated and maintained by the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District of Los Angeles County (District) which is managed by the County Department of Public Works. The District provides a wide range of services, including sewer manhole inspections, sewer line cleaning, repair of the system, and responding to service calls relating to sewer outflows, odor problems, insect infestation, and other emergencies. If you experience or observe any sewer related problems, call our Public Works emergency hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (800) 675-HELP (4357).

In Spring 2009, a closed-circuit television sewer inspection project is planned for 38,803 feet of sewer lines in the unincorporated areas in the Antelope Valley. Under this program, van crews collect video data in pipe segments to identify any deficiencies and engineers determine if the sewer facilities should be repaired or replaced. The televising prioritizes focus on those sewers with the most potential for repair needs. Maintenance history, past overflow records, sewer locations, and age are some of the factors used to determine the priority of pipes to be televised.

### VISIT YOUR LOCAL

Department of Regional Planning Field Office

335A East Avenue K-6 Lancaster, CA 93535 (661) 723-4475



#### **Hours:**

Monday through Wednesday and Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

How Will You Live, Work and Play in the **Antelope Valley in the Next Ten Years?** Take part in Town & Country

Town & Country is an effort by the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning to update the Antelope Valley Areawide General Plan which

was adopted in 1986 and guides the growth in the Antelope Valley's unincorporated areas. Town & Country will update the Area Plan by recognizing the individual

needs of each town as well as the collective needs and identity of the Antelope Valley as a whole. Its success will depend on the commitment of residents, property owners, business owners, and other stakeholders in the Valley to develop a common vision that will guide growth in the unincorporated area of the Valley in coming years.

For the latest Town & Country news and events, please visit http://planning.lacounty.gov/tnc or contact Mr. Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.





### OFF-SITE REAL ESTATE SIGNS

Recently, communities in the Antelope Valley have had discussions regarding the legality of off-site real estate signs and asked Regional Planning for clarification. Research into state law indicates that an owner or his agent may place a real estate sign advertising his or her property for sale, lease, or rent on the subject property as well as on properties owned by others as long as the other property owner consents to it and the sign is of reasonable dimensions and design. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Oscar Gomez at (213) 974-6483 or

ogomez@planning.lacounty.gov.



### Department of Consumer Affairs

500 W. Temple Street, Room B-96

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Toll-Free Number: (800) 593-8222

http://dca.lacounty.gov

Lancaster **Branch Office:** 

Lancaster Regional Library 601 W. Lancaster Blvd.

Lancaster, CA 93534

**Hours:** 

Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Phone: (661) 726-7550

### In February, the country will change the way it sends television signals. Here's what you need to know.

Television in the United States is going digital. The "DTV transition" will take place on February 17, 2009 and if you're not ready, your TV might go blank. The U.S. Government has set up a program to assist homeowners during this transition.



If you currently get your TV signals free "over the air," using a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears" antenna on your TV, you will have to make some adjustments. A digital television (with an internal digital tuner) will allow you to

continue to watch free over-the-air programming after February 17, 2009. However, if you have an analog television, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to continue to watch broadcast television on that set. This converter box will also enable you to see any additional multicast programming that your local stations are offering.

To help consumers with the DTV transition, the United States Government established the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program which allows households to request up to two coupons worth \$40 each toward the purchase of the digitalto-analog converter boxes. You can apply for coupons online at www.dtv2009.gov or by calling (800) 388-2009.

If you are a cable or satellite TV customer, you will not need a digital converter box. However, you should check with your cable or satellite provider to find out if you need a specific type of cable/satellite box to use with your analog television.

For more information, check the U.S. Government's website at www.dtv.gov. You can also get answers for all your consumerrelated questions from the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs. Contact DCA at (800) 593-8222 or at our website dca.lacounty.gov.



### The Department of Consumer Affairs Provides Assistance to Homeowners Facing Foreclosure!

As the number of homes entering the foreclosure process reaches record levels in the County of Los Angeles, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is available to assist with real estate related problems. DCA's trained counselors and investigators are available to help you. All DCA services are **FREE** to the public.

- · If you are facing foreclosure, call DCA counselors to learn more about your options.
- If you have been a victim of foreclosure consultant fraud, DCA investigators can help you resolve the issue.
- If you are buying a new home, a DCA counselor can help you make wise choices about your purchase.
- If you are refinancing a loan, speak with a DCA counselor and let them review your loan documents before you sign.

Contact the DCA Real Estate Fraud and Information program by calling (800) 973-3370 or at http://dca.lacounty.gov.

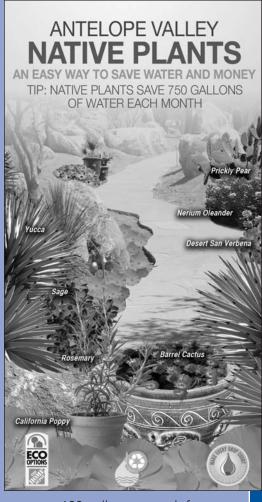


# TIPS TO SAVE MONEY AND WATER

With the driest season on record, water conservation should be a high priority this summer for all residents. With so little rain, every drop counts!

#### HERE ARE 10 EASY AND EFFECTIVE WAYS TO SAVE WATER AT HOME AND IN THE GARDEN:

- Adjust your sprinklers. Up to 70 percent of residential water use goes to maintaining our yards. Try taking a minute or two off the timer.
- Check your system. Do a weekly check for broken or clogged sprinkler heads and replace them right away. Make sure you are watering your yard and not the driveway or sidewalk.
- Fix those leaks. Just a drip can waste more than 10,000 gallons per month. A leaking flapper on a toilet also increases flows at the water treatment plant.
- Plant native species or drought-tolerant plants. Many of the lawns and plants we use are not intended for the unique climate in Southern California. Visit your local nursery or call the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District nursery at (661) 942-7306 for native plants suited for the valley.
- Use a broom instead of a hose. Sweeping up rather than hosing off leaves or grass clippings not only saves water, it reduces runoff.
- Get an adjustable hose nozzle for outdoor use. That way you can adjust the spray to meet your needs. A hose running for five minutes uses the same amount of water as a 20-minute shower.
- Eliminate runoff. Runoff could mean your lawn needs aeration. When you aerate your lawn, you give the water somewhere to go besides down the storm drain.
- Take shorter showers. Cutting two minutes off your shower time can save 600 gallons a month for a family of four. If you change the showerhead to a water efficient model, you could save even more.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth or shave.
- Wash only full loads of laundry. Waiting until you have a full load can save you up to 20 gallons for the same amount of clean clothes.



### Convenient E-Government Resources on the Internet!

Did you know that there are many valuable Public Works services that you can conveniently access from the Internet?



### Directory of Services: http://ladpw.org/General/Directory/Services

The Directory of Services provides contact information for services offered by Public Works and includes a search feature.

### eNotify: www.dpw.lacounty.gov/go/enotify

An automated e-mail system that sends out alerts, events and newsletters to subscribers. You can subscribe to notifications for upcoming free and low cost seminars, workshops and vendor fairs for businesses, hazardous household waste roundup events, road closure alerts, and press releases.

### FAQs: http://ladpw.org/General/FAQ

Search for Frequently Asked Questions, or submit a new guestion online.

### Forms Online: www.dpw.lacounty.gov/General/Forms

Search for Public Works forms and applications such as applications for building permits, special moving provisions, certificate of insurance permits and contracts, industrial waste forms and permits, Adopt-a-Highway applications, and more.

### Request for Service: http://ladpw.org/General/DPWrequest

To report problems and request general services with potholes, tree trimming, flood control channels, or street sweeping.

### Road Closures: www.ladpw.org/mpm/roadclosure

This website provides the public with information about road closures and estimated reopening dates for affected roads within unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles. Recent enhancements to the website included the addition of before and after photos of damaged roads.

### Service Locator: www.dpw.lacounty.gov/go/service

The Service Locator lets you find Public Works services and offices in your community. Based on the location you enter, this website will instantly provide you with information on local construction projects, utilities, road work, and transit services as well as maps, driving directions, hours of operation, and contact information for the appropriate Public Works office.

#### Solid Waste Information Management System (SWIMS): www.dpw.lacounty.gov/swims

A web application to manage disposal data collected from solid waste enterprises. It accepts solid waste disposal data inputted from waste haulers, transfer stations, and disposal facilities located in the County of Los Angeles and allows jurisdictions and the State to download reports needed for compliance with AB 939.



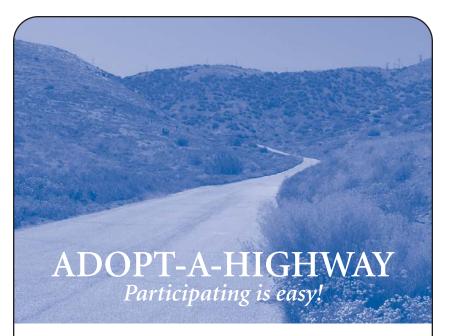
### JOIN THE COUNTY IN REDUCING PLASTIC BAG LITTER!

Did you know that Los Angeles County residents consume approximately six billion plastic bags each year? Yes, six billion. The County of Los Angeles is committed to reducing the amount of plastic bags that end up along roadways or in storm drains, or make their way to the ocean. While convenient, littered plastic bags are an eyesore and cause harm to land and marine wildlife.

Here are a few simple things you can do to help:

- Use canvas (or other reusable) bags when shopping instead of plastic bags.
- Give your clean plastic bags back to your grocer or merchant for recycling.
- Reuse plastic bags that you already have when you make that next shopping trip.
- Insist on recycled-content paper bags at the market.

Making these simple changes will help reduce the amount of bags disposed and seen as litter in our neighborhoods. Encourage your friends and family to do the same!



If you are interested in helping to keep the environment clean and free of litter in your community, the Department of Public Works' Adopt-A-Highway Program provides individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and public agencies with a unique opportunity to gain recognition while beautifying the Antelope Valley.

Interested parties can adopt a two-mile section of a roadway in the unincorporated County area of the Antelope Valley for a period of two years and pick up litter a minimum of four times a year. In return, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will install two recognition signs at the beginning of your adopted stretch of highway in each direction and also provide you with trash bags and safety equipment.

To find out more about this program or to discuss a potential location for adoption, please visit www.dpw.lacounty.gov/ rmd/adoptahwy or call (661) 947-7173.

### PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE

It is important for the environment and community to have healthy and well-maintained parkway trees. The Department of Public Works is the local agency responsible for trimming and maintaining approximately 23,000 parkway trees that are within the public road rights-ofway in the unincorporated Antelope Valley. In order to promote growth and ensure a tree's long term health, fast growing trees are trimmed every two years and slow growing trees every five years.

If you have any questions regarding parkway tree maintenance or if you would like to request planting of new parkway trees, call (661) 947-7173. For emergencies related to parkway trees, call the 24/7 dispatch at (800) 675-4357 (HELP).





### TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING

The Traffic and Lighting Division of Public Works provides investigations of traffic control measures to enhance traffic safety and operation. For any traffic control measure requests such as installation of traffic signals, signs, speed limits, curbs, or parkway restrictions, call (800) 675-4357 (675-HELP) or make your request online at www.dpw.lacounty.gov by clicking on the "Contact Public Works" link then "Ask a Question."

Street Lighting - To report a street light malfunction or other maintenance issue, please call Southern California Edison at (800) 611-1911. To request additional street lights in your area, please contact the Public Works Street Lighting Section at (626) 300-4726.

### **Animal Care and Control**

Lancaster Shelter (serving the Antelope Valley)

5210 W. Avenue I

Lancaster, CA 93536

(661) 940-4191

http://animalcare.lacounty.gov

### **Shelter Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday Sundays & Holidays Closed

Emergency services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



#### LOST PETS

Stray animals found within the unincorporated communities of the Antelope Valley are brought to the Lancaster Shelter. Be sure to bring identification to prove ownership.

#### ANIMAL ABANDONMENT

You are subject to a \$1,000 fine or six months in jail for abandoning any animal.

### EVERY PET OWNER IS REQUIRED TO FOLLOW CERTAIN LAWS:

- Annual Licensing Requirements A license tag must be purchased annually for dogs and cats and secured to their collar.
- Anti-Tethering Law With few exceptions, no person shall tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog to a tree, fence, dog house or any other stationary object.
- Food and Water Failing to provide an animal with adequate food or water is punishable by the State Penal Code.
- The Leash Law It is not permitted to let your dog run loose, with or without a license.
- Mandatory Spay/Neuter & Microchip Ordinance All dogs must be spayed or neutered and microchipped unless the pet is qualified for an "exemption."
- **Proper Shelter** Animals must have access to shelter from rain and sun at all times.
- Rabies Vaccination Requirements Rabies vaccinations must be kept current for all dogs and cats.
- Transporting Animals It is not permissible to transport any dog in the back or bed of any open truck or other open vehicle while

traveling on a County road, street, highway, lane or alley.

> For additional information on pet laws, visit http://animalcare.lacounty.gov or call (661) 940-4191.

### FREE OR LOW-COST ANIMAL SERVICES

Low-cost Vaccinations at Shelter Clinic: For weekly schedule, call (661) 940-4191.

### Free microchip with lifetime

registration for your dog: For weekly clinic schedule call (661) 940-4191 or visit http://animalcare.lacounty.gov.

(If your dog has been previously implanted with an identification microchip, you may submit the dog's microchip number to the Department of Animal Care and Control to be in compliance with the County's Mandatory Spay/Neuter and Microchip Ordinance. Forms to record previous microchip information area available on the Department Website or though the shelter.)

Free spaying or neutering for your dog for eligible pet-owners: Call (562) 256-7104 Monday through Thursday for more information. To qualify, registered owners must be at least 60 years of age, or possess a Golden State Advantage Card, or be enrolled in the Healthy Kids or Healthy Family program.



If you are considering bringing a pet into your family, please consider a shelter pet. Adoption fees for first-time adoptions are \$33 for cats and \$38 for dogs. Fees include the pet's initial vaccinations, spay/neutering costs, and microchip.

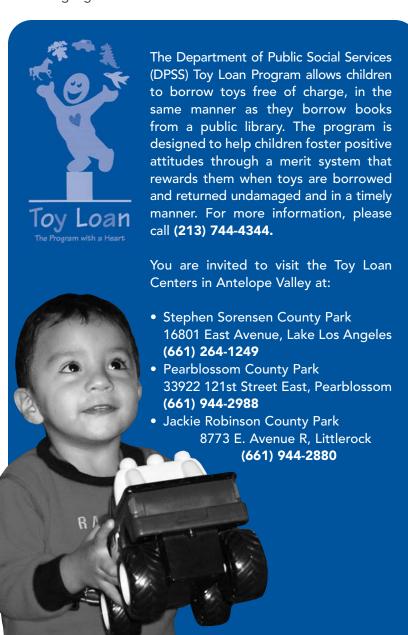
# Helpful Services and Benefits Website!

www.LACountyHelps.org

The **LACountyHelps.org** website provides a safe, secure, confidential way for County residents to research and see

if they are potentially eligible for a variety of helpful services and benefits such as Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, Child Care Resources, CalWORKs, Food Stamps, Affordable Housing Programs, Mental Health, and In-Home Supportive Services.

The website is designed to be easily navigated and is available in both English and Spanish, with plans to expand to other languages in the near future.



### FREE Income Tax Assistance!

Free and reliable income tax preparation services are available to DPSS-eligible participants through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. During tax season (February through April), call 2-1-1 and LA County Specialists can refer you to the nearest VITA site.

#### **VITA Services include:**

- No-cost electronic filing (e-file) of federal and state returns
- Preparation of 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040 with Schedules A and/or B
- Assistance with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Prior year returns
- Opening of free bank account (call for site location)
- Financial Literacy Workshops (call for workshop time and location)

This information is also available at www.eitc-la.com.

### The IRS may owe you money!

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refund for working families earning less than \$38,348. Eligibility is based on your income and the number of children you have at home. Additionally, the Child Tax Credit is worth up to \$1,000 per child. You can call 2-1-1 for more information or to see if you qualify for the EITC or Child Tax Credit.

### Office of the Los Angeles County Assessor

Lancaster Regional Office 251 East Avenue K-6 Lancaster, CA 93535 (661) 940-6700

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Assessor's Department locates all taxable property in Los Angeles County and identifies ownership. These assessed values are the basis of property taxes which are used to pay for law enforcement, fire protection, education, parks and recreation and other vital services.

Public information available at this office includes valuation, ownership, comparable sales information, maps and multi-language brochures which may be obtained from staff at the counter. Staff will also assist individuals who want to use Assessor computer terminals to access information.

Antelope Valley property owners are served by the Lancaster Regional Office, which is responsible for approximately 190,000 parcels, including homes, businesses and vacant land.

The Assessor's Department also maintains an extensive, user-friendly website at http://assessor.lacounty.gov which includes valuation, maps and downloadable forms. Ownership information can only be obtained in person at the Lancaster Office or by telephone.

### ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES

Annual property taxes are mailed each year during the first week of October. The first installment is due on November 1st and become delinquent on **December 10th**. The second installment is due February 1st and becomes delinquent on April 10th.

One-Stop County Property Tax Resource http://lacountypropertytax.com or (888) 807-2111



### Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures

Antelope Valley Public Office 335A East Avenue K-6 Lancaster, CA 93535 (661) 723-4485

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Handling Consumer Concerns: Bureau of Weights and Measures**

The Bureau of Weights and Measures is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of each meter and scale that determines a charge to the consumer. The Bureau also verifies that all package products contain the correct stated net weight or measure as labeled and verifies that the advertised or shelf price for a product matches the price determined by scanners at the checkout area. Correct weights and measures are a benefit to both consumer and manufacturers.

If you would like to file a complaint about a business or ask a general question about Weights and Measures, please call (800) 665-2900 or visit http://acwm.co.la.ca.us.

### DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS?

### County of Los Angeles Community **Development Commission**

www.lacdc.org

### PROGRAMS FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

The Community Development Commission (CDC) helps to strengthen neighborhoods and empower families by assisting low and moderate income families

and individuals who are attempting to purchase their first home. For first time homebuyers, the CDC offers financial assistance with down payment assistance loans including closing cost assistance, federal income tax credits, and below market rate loan programs.

The CDC also participates in various events throughout Los Angeles County during the year to promote homeownership opportunities. For



Homeownership Opportunity Event

more information on the eligibility requirements for these programs or other related issues, you may call (323) 890-7034 or visit the CDC website www.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/HDP/FirstTimeHomebuyer.aspx.

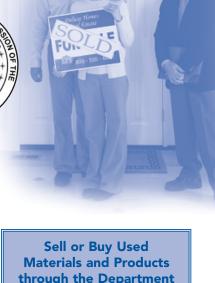
### HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND LOANS AVAILABLE



Grants and low-interest deferred loans are available to qualified residents for home improvements such as plumbing, electrical, roofing, painting, and handicap access. Each program has its own income eligibility requirement. You may obtain additional information and an application form at www.lacdc.org or by calling (323) 890-7239.

### **BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAMS**

The CDC offers a variety of low-interest loans for a wide range of businesses, large and small, commercial to industrial, that may not qualify for conventional financing. Loans are available to eligible businesses for real estate, equipment, working capital, and business expansion that create low- and moderate-income jobs. Please call (323) 890-7202 or visit www.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/ER/BusinessLoans.aspx for more information.



through the Department of Public Works **Los Angeles County Online Materials** Exchange (LACoMAX)

LACoMAX is a free service designed to help residents, businesses, and organizations in Los Angeles County find markets for their industrial by-products, surplus materials, and other would-be discards. The primary goal of LACoMAX is to conserve landfill space by finding alternatives to the disposal of valuable materials, which are presently discarded as waste. Among the items you can donate, purchase, or sell on LACoMAX include wood pallets, used computers, construction materials, storage containers, and much more. Visit www.dwp.lacounty.gov/ epd/lacomax for more information.





## Is your home wasting water??

Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

### Services provided at no cost:

- · Check faucets and replace aerators if needed.
- · Check for leaks in toilets, sinks, and baths.
- · Check showerhead flow rates.
- Check washing machines and other water-using appliances.
- · Provide outdoor watering schedule.
- Check sprinkler system for problems.

### Benefits:

- · Improves overall water use efficiency.
- · Teaches you how to find leaks in your home.
- Teaches you how to find leaks in your sprinkler system.
- · Helps your community conserve water.
- · May lower your water bill.



For more information, or to schedule an appointment for a water conservation specialist to come to your home, please contact:

WaterWise Consulting, Inc. at (888) 987-9473

### AT-A-GLANCE TELEPHONE & WEBSITE DIRECTORY

LA County Operator (To call out-of-area code County Departments and Agencies toll free) (661) 272-0964

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2-1-1 LA County Information	2-1-1	Code Enforcement (To report violations)	(213) 974-6453
www.211LA.org	or (800) 339-6993	planning.lacounty.gov/zoneViolation.htm	or 2-1-1
Abandoned Vehicles	2-1-1	Consumer Affairs (Main Hotline)	(800) 593-8222
planning.lacounty.gov/zoneViolation.htm		dca.lacounty.gov	\ ///4\ 72/ 7550
Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and	Measures	Lancaster Library (Fridays, 10:00 a.m 3:30 p.i	m.) (661) /26-/550
http://acwm.co.la.ca.us		Courthouse, Michael D. Antonovich Antelo	pe Vallev
Bee Complaints	(800) 233-9279	42011 4th Street West	(661) 974-7200
Gasoline Station Consumer Complaints	(800) 665-2900	Lancaster, CA 93534	, ,
Plant Disease Information	(562) 622-0433	www.lasuperiorcourt.org/Locations/Antelope	e.aspx
Scanner Overcharge Complaints	(800) 665-2900		
Utility Meter (gas, water, electric); Food Scale (markets, delis, etc.); and Packaged Goods (short weight, count,	(800) 665-2900	Domestic Violence Hotline http://da.lacounty.gov/domv.htm	(800) 978-3600
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	(626) 575-5484	County of Los Angeles Job Hotline http://dhr.lacounty.info	(800) 970-5478
Air Quality Concerns	(800) 288-7664	WorkSource (for job seekers/employers)	(888) 226-6300
www.aqmd.gov	or (800) CUT-SMOG	www.worksourcecalifornia.com	
		Antelope Valley One-Stop Career Center	(661) 726-4128
	imalcare.lacounty.gov	www.av.worksource.ca.gov	
Lancaster Shelter (Main Hotline)	(661) 940-4191	Environmental Health	مام/ بمسم علقام معام: العادي
(Licensing, emergencies, spay/neuter clinic	i, lost pets)	24-Hour Hotline	oublichealth.org/eh (888) 700-9995
Arts Commission, LA County	(213) 202-5858		3 or (626) 430-5380
www.lacountyarts.org	(213) 202-3030		or (626) 430-5210
www.iacountyarts.org		Insect/Vector Control Program	(626) 430-5450
Board of Supervisors, LA County	http://bos.co.la.ca.us		(020) 100 0 100
Board meetings, agendas, recordings, and		Fire Department - Emergencies	9-1-1
5th District Antelope Valley Field Office	(661) 726-3600	fire.lacounty.gov	
·		Non-Emergency Information	(661) 948-2631
<b>Building Permits</b> (Residential/Business)	(661) 723-4440	Fire Prevention Office	(661) 949-6319
http://ladpw.org/bsd/permitinfo		Lancaster City Hall Office	(661) 723-6000
Business License (unincorporated)	(661) 723-4492	Freeway Roadside Service (from cell phones	s only) 3-9-9
business License (unincorporated)	or (213) 974-2011	Freeway Roadside Service (nom cen phones	5 Offiy) 5-7-7
http://ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/Business_	* *	Garbage/Waste Collection	
		Waste Management, Inc.	(661) 947-7197
Chambers of Commerce		www.wm.com	, ,
Acton	(661) 269-5785		
Antelope Valley (Lancaster)	(661) 948-4518	Gardening Workshops www.sr	nartgardening.com
AV Black	(661) 946-8780		
AV Hispanic	(661) 538-0607	Graffiti Removal Hotline	(800) 675-4357
Lake Los Angeles	(661) 264-1121	http://ladpw.org/go/graffiti	
Littlerock	(661) 944-6990		
Palmdale	(661) 273-3232	Hospitals/Health Centers	www.ladhs.org
Pearblossom	(661) 944-2564	Antelope Valley Health Center	(661) 723-4511
Quartz Hill	(661) 722-4811	Antelope Valley Hospital (non-County)	(661) 949-5000
Sun Village	(661) 944-2341	Glenchur Clinic	(661) 948-8581
Children Semiser		High Desert Health System	(661) 948-8581
Children Services Child Abuse Hotline (24-Hour)	(800) 540-4000	Lake Los Angeles Community Clinic Littlerock Community Clinic	(661) 945-8581 (661) 945-8581
http://lacdcfs.org	(000) 340-4000	South Antelope Valley Health Center	(661) 948-8581
Child Care Hotline (CalWORKs)	(877) CHILD-99	Journ Antelope valley Health Center	(001) 740-0301
www.ladpss.org/dpss/child_care	(0/// CITILD-77	Illegal Dumping Hotline	(888) 838-6746
Child/Spousal Support	(323) 890-9800	http://ladpw.org/epd/illdump	(555) 555-57 40
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Juror Services	(213) 974-5811	Recycling Programs	
www.lasuperiorcourt.org/jury		Residential Recycling	(888) CLEAN-LA
		http://ladpw.org/epd/Recycling	
Libraries		Household Hazardous Waste	(888) CLEAN-LA
www.colapublib.org		http://ladpw.org/epd/hhw	/aaa) = aaa /
Antelope Valley Bookmobile	(661) 948-8270	Smart Business Recycling	(800) 741-9236
Lake Los Angeles Library	(661) 264-0593	www.businessrecycling.com	
Lancaster Regional Library	(661) 948-5029		(000) 045 0777
Littlerock Library	(661) 944-4138	Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	(800) 815-2666
Palmdale Library (City of Palmdale)	(661) 267-5600	www.lavote.net	///1\045 /44/
Quartz Hill Library	(661) 943-2454	Lancaster District Office	(661) 945-6446
(Voter information, marriage licenses, birth/dea real estate recording, notary oaths)		death records,	
L.A. County Police (800) 834-0064		Register to Vote	(900) 491 VOTE
(For incidents related to County parks or facilities)		Register to vote	(800) 481-VOTE
L.A. County Public Information Office	(213) 974-1311	Safe Surrender Hotline	(877) BABY-SAFE
www.lacounty.gov	(213) 77 4-1311	http://babysafela.org	(077) DAD 1-3A1 L
www.iacounty.gov		http://bdbysurcid.org	
Mental Health Hotline	(800) 854-7771	Senior Services	css.lacounty.gov
dmh.lacounty.gov	(000)	Antelope Valley Senior Center	(661) 726-4400
		Adult Protective Services	(213) 351-5401
Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT)	(661) 723-4440	Elder Abuse Hotline	(877) 477-3646
(For multiple code violations)	(11)	Nursing Home/Assisted Living	(800) 330-5993
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Ombudsman	(800) 801-0030	Sheriff Station	lasd.org
ombudsman.lacounty.gov		Lancaster Station	(661) 948-8466
		Palmdale Station	(661) 272-2400
Parks (Local)			
parks.lacounty.gov		Traffic Enforcement/Investigation (Californ	ia Highway Patrol)
Acton Park (North Agency)	(661) 294-3500	chp.ca.gov	(661) 948-8541
Apollo Park	(661) 940-7701		
Everett Martin Park (information)	(661) 944-2988	Transportation	
George Lane Park	(661) 722-7780	Access Paratransit Info	(800) 827-0829
Jackie Robinson Park	(661) 944-2880	www.asila.org	
Pearblossom Park	(661) 944-2988	Antelope Valley Transit Authority	(661) 945-9445
Stephen Sorensen Park	(661) 264-1249	www.avta.com	///4\ 045 0445
B		Dial-A-Ride	(661) 945-9445
Property Taxes		www.avta.com	(000) 274 LINIX
http://lacountypropertytax.com	(000) 007 2444	Metrolink	(800) 371-LINK
Recorded Information - 24 hours	(888) 807-2111	www.metrolinktrains.com	
Assessor – Lancaster Office	(661) 940-6700	Utilities	
assessor.lacounty.gov		Southern California Edison	(000) 4EE 4EEE
Public Social Services	dpss.lacounty.gov	www.sce.com	(800) 655-4555
Lancaster Office	(661) 723-4021	Southern California Gas Company	(800) 427-2200
In-Home Supportive Services	(661) 723-4288	www.socalgas.com	(000) 427-2200
in-nome supportive services	(001) 723-4200	www.socaigas.com	
Public Works	dpw.lacounty.gov	Victim-Witness Assistance Program	(213) 974-7499
Building and Safety (AV Office)	(661) 723-4440	http://da.lacounty.gov/vwap	
http://ladpw.org/bsd			
Other Public Works Emergencies	(800) 675-4357	Zoning Information (Regional Planning)	
	General/DPWrequest	Lancaster Field Office	(661) 723-4475
Road Maintenance			
	(661) 947-7173	http://planning.lacounty.gov	
Sewer Maintenance	(661) 947-7173 (661) 942-6042	http://planning.lacounty.gov	
Traffic and Lighting Maintenance	(661) 942-6042 (800) 675-4357	http://planning.lacounty.gov	
	(661) 942-6042	http://planning.lacounty.gov	



Did you know that you can dial 2-1-1 to access information for code enforcement, emergency food and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other health and human services resources?

As a resident of an unincorporated area in Antelope Valley, you can just simply dial 2-1-1 to access an array of municipal services, including code enforcement at *no cost to you*. The 2-1-1 information service is provided in many languages. 2-1-1 is operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is confidential.

If you are unable to access 2-1-1 directly, please call (800) 339-**6993** or visit the 2-1-1 LA County website at **www.211LA.org**.

NOTE: In case of an emergency, you still must dial 9-1-1.

¿Sabía usted que puede llamar al 2-1-1 para recibir información en cuanto a refuerzo de código comida de emergencia y refugio, servicios para ancianos, cuidado para niños, recursos de empleo, cuidado de salud a bajo costo, apoyo relacionado con problemas con alcohol y drogas, oportunidades como voluntario, y muchas otros recursos de servicios humanos y salud?

Como residente del área no incorporada en Antelope Valley, usted simplemente puede marcar el 2-1-1 para obtener una variedad de servicios municipales, incluso refuerzo de código sin costo alguno. Se brinda el servicio de informacíon del 2-1-1 en muchos idiomas. 2-1-1 funciona las 24 horas al dia, 7 dias de la semana. La información que usted brinde a los conserjeros de recursos es confidencial.

Si usted no puede obtener acceso al 2-1-1 directamente, favor de llamar al (800) 339-6993 o visite el sitio web del 2-1-1 del Condado de LA en www.211LA.org.

AVISO: En caso de una emergencia, usted aún tiene que marcar el 9-1-1.



### We are here to serve you!

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Your Supervisorial District Field Representative can be contacted at:

> Antelope Valley Field Office 1113 West Avenue M-4, Suite A Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 726-3600



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